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FIGHT BEGINS AGAINST ANNEXATION

EAST BAY CITIES TO PRESERVE IDENTITY

Concerted Effort to Arouse Sentiment for San Francisco Plan on Eve of Session of the State Legislature Is Seen

EIGHT CITIES AGAINST CIVIC EXTINCTION

Public Opinion on This Side of Bay Expressed in Strongest Terms; Mass Meeting to Be Called in the Near Future

That the sudden resumption of the effort on the part of San Francisco to absorb the east bay municipalities in a "Greater San Francisco" indicates a concerted movement to arouse a favorable sentiment on the part of the governing body of the State Legislature, is the opinion of those who are in close touch with the political and commercial forces of the bay region. That the attempt will meet with certain defeat is the belief of every loyal citizen of the eight municipalities threatened with civic extinction—Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Piedmont, Hayward, San Leandro, Albany and Richmond—and this belief is to find outward expression in an active campaign to resist the aggression of the city by the Golden Gate.

It is pointed out by careful observers of tendencies that San Francisco is very anxious at this time to have a bill passed through the Legislature allowing the annexation of San Mateo county. This measure has been discussed for months past, and the San Francisco press has reported a willingness of the peninsular communities to be absorbed. However true this may be, it is apparently considered by the advocates of a Greater San Francisco an excellent moment to try to have the cities of Alameda county included in the act of absorption and put both projects through at the same time, confusing the issues involved. For arguments which apply admirably to the benefits of annexation for San Mateo county fall completely when they are used in a reaching out for territory on the east shore of the bay.

SUPPORT DESIRED.

For the success of an attempt at annexation San Francisco must depend on the support of other sections of the state than the bay region. And that support was denied the years ago, when San Francisco fought for the passage of a constitutional amendment which would have authorized the annexation of Oakland and environs. This agitation was begun in the fall of 1913 and carried through the months of 1914 in a statewide campaign of speaking and newspaper publicity. Stalwart champions of the integrity of the east bay territory stamped the state; merchants and bankers spoke for the preservation of Oakland from encroachment; the arguments for both sides were given the fullest publicity with the result that the proposed constitutional amendment was lost under an avalanche of votes.

Strong opposition to the consolidation proposal was voiced at the Ad Club luncheon today, President King of the Chamber of Commerce and H. C. Capwell being among the speakers. It was pointed out that San Francisco is in the same position as was New York before that city annexed Brooklyn and the entire Long Island, and principal among the reasons that makes the plan attractive to San Francisco is the necessity of increasing its territory in order that it can increase its bonded indebtedness.

All of the speakers indicated that they are prepared to make a strong use of their influence to prevent the success of the consolidation plan.

MASS MEETING.

Preparations are being made for a mass meeting of Oakland citizens and a conference between representatives of the east bay cities. The appointment of a committee for the calling of a mass meeting is being considered this evening by the board of directors of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. Oakland citizens of all ranks—financiers, bankers, merchants, attorneys, jurists, contractors, realty dealers and investors—are united in opposition to this movement for the absorption by another city of the achievements of the east bay territory. The growth of the eastern littoral has been phenomenal in the last few years. Factories, shipyards, wholesale and retail concerns, have come here from every section of the country. Thousands of industry have been attracted more closely together.

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Nothing to Gain, But Much to Lose by Plan To Annex, Is Belief

That Alameda county has much to lose, but nothing to gain in becoming a party to the plan originating in San Francisco for the creation of a consolidation that will bring into being a "Greater San Francisco" is emphasized by the men of Alameda county who are students of civic affairs. The following interviews show the manner in which the proposed 'annexation' scheme appeals to these men:

By Samuel C. Irving,
Mayor of Berkeley.

I have never wanted to be annexed to San Francisco; certainly not to have my city annexed; and that, despite the fact that I have business interests and pay taxes on both sides of the bay. A commercial union with San Francisco is all we need, and that we possess already. There is nothing for us to gain in a closer affiliation. Such a commercial union would mean that we worked for the general interests of the bay district and we have demonstrated our ability in this regard. A political affiliation would mean nothing for Berkeley. There is no exception to be taken to our form of government. There is no political or other danger from which we have to escape and no promise of an escape, anyhow, in becoming an adjunct of San Francisco. We are prosperous and healthy and can remain so alone.

By Well's Drury,

Secretary, Chamber of Commerce of Berkeley.

We are big enough to remain a separate entity by ourselves. We are prosperous enough to have the advantages of the present situation in evidence before us at all times. In aesthetic growth we have made continual and happy strides without outside interference or assistance and can continue to do so. In fact, we are doing very well, thank you, and we shall be pleased to be let alone.

By Jo S. Mills,

Manager Berkeley Branch, First Savings Bank of Oakland.

I cannot view but with a good deal of trepidation any scheme to merge Berkeley with San Francisco. This city's political organization has as nearly reached perfection as care and understanding could achieve. The making over of our community into a portion of a larger one, in the control of which we should have but a very small, weak voice, would be too apt to introduce political perils from which we now happily escape. I shall be glad to see Berkeley kept disentangled from any such plan as a San Francisco amalgamation.

By Frederick T. Robson,

Manager Hotel Shattuck, City Commissioner.

There are innumerable reasons which a thoughtful person can advance against consolidation with San Francisco and few which occur to me as in favor thereof. The example of New York is continually held before our eyes, but it must be remembered that it is five miles across San Francisco bay and that quite different problems are entailed in a separation of that width from the distance paring Manhattan and the other boroughs. The units there joined were almost contiguous. Ours are neither contiguous nor of like general and administrative principles.

By Charles H. Spear,

Capitalist.

There is no benefit to be derived by Berkeley, so far as I can see, from annexation to San Francisco. The interests of the two cities vary widely. Only a moment's thought is needed to establish that fact. Even our commercial interests are separate from theirs, and certainly our educational, residential and aesthetic ideas and ideals are widely removed. Absolutely the only gain I can conceive would be to make Berkeley part of a big city and to make San Francisco a bigger city than it is today. That might be of advantage to Berkeley? What would it get for us that we do not have and cannot get now? A movement for the closer organization of the east-bay cities would entail a different line of argument, for in such a step we could discern some real, practical value. Let us move toward that end first. There is plenty of time after that is achieved to consider the invitation which San Francisco is handing us.

By I. Harrison Clay,

City Auditor.

This consolidation talk sounds like a wail of a sick man. We are too busy in Oakland building factories and developing our waterfront to listen to anything of that kind now. Later, after we have erected a couple of hundred more manufacturing industries that turn San Francisco down as an industrial headquarters, we may agree to a conference to consider annexing San Francisco to Oakland. We settled consolidation two years ago. We are getting the business and the population, and with that will come the money. What inducements has San Francisco to offer?

S. W. Lore

Editor of the Tri City Labor Review and Prominent Local Labor Leader.

The consolidation of Oakland with San Francisco at this time could result only in disadvantage to Oakland. In the first place, it would mean that San Francisco would use our bonding capacity, much greater than hers. We would absolutely lose our identity. I was in New York when Brooklyn was annexed. It was supposed to be an advantage to Brooklyn. The name is not even known now. In this case Oakland would become the tail of the dog.

Oakland's future is one of enormous possibilities. In six years we will be as large as San Francisco if not larger. San Francisco knows this and would take advantage of it. She wants our great bonding capacity as her own is poor. But that would do us no good. I believe Oakland is big enough to work out her own destiny, and the working men who pay small taxes look at this bonding matter very suspiciously.

By Rev. A. W. Palmer

Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church.

The time is not yet ripe for consolidation with San Francisco. There is a serious doubt in my mind, whether it will ever be ripe. We are on the eve of tremendous commercial and industrial development. We are also tending toward consolidation of east-bay communities. If this works out as we have planned it, then will be time enough to take up the trans-bay feature. For the future, the matter is too serious to give consideration on anything but a careful basis, and the time has not come for that yet.

Edwin Stearns

Secretary Alameda County Exposition Commission.

The effort will prove as futile as it is foolhardy on the part of San Francisco. If San Francisco is honest in her desire to expand she would annex

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FALLACY OF PLAN SHOWN BY FIGURES

In Appropriations From Government Oakland Has Always Been Able to Take Care of Its Own Interests Very Well

Consolidation Plea Fails in the Claim That More Money Would Be Forthcoming for Federal Work, in East Bay

One glaring fallacy in the argument for a consolidation of the cities of San Francisco bay already stands revealed, according to prominent Oaklanders today. In answer to the contention of San Francisco that a "Greater San Francisco" would be able through its representative in Congress to secure more adequate legislation in Washington for the development of the east side of the bay, it was pointed out today that Oakland has never hitherto failed to obtain whatever legislative appropriations it has asked for.

All the funds that could be used, from year to year for development purposes have always been forthcoming. As to public buildings, Oakland showed only last week the strength of its own unassisted efforts in the attainment of needed improvements from the hands of the federal government.

Secretary McAdoo of the United States Treasury recommended to Congress the allowance of \$1,000,000 for a new post-office building at Berkeley.

This recommendation will be acted upon just as soon as any general public building bill passes the House of Representatives.

There is no comparison between the amounts which Oakland has secured for the development of her water front, for instance, as compared with what San Francisco has been able to obtain. Oakland citizens are certain that the city can look out for its own interests without the assistance of San Francisco.

The total appropriations for Oakland harbor, including those in the river and harbor act of June 27, 1916, amount to \$4,523,568.35. The amount appropriated for San Francisco harbor improvements by the federal government is \$649,457.52.

Jurors to Try Woman Slow to Accept Places

Oakland Teacher, Facing Malfeasance Charges, Goes on Trial.

Clashes between counsel characterized the first hours of the trial of Miss Genevieve McKee, member of the County Board of Education, who is today facing a jury on an accusation of wilful malfeasance in office, the accusation following investigation made by the district attorney into the practices of the county board in charging certain meeting fees against the treasury. District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes and Deputy Theodore Witschen are conducting the prosecution. Oakland lawyers, including those of the defense, are R. M. Fitzgerald and J. J. McDonald appearing for the defendant, Miss McKee, the only member of the board who has declined to pay the fees alleged to have been illegally collected. After a jury heard the evidence against, County Superintendent George Frick and failed to agree on a conviction, Frick, C. L. Biedenbach, E. M. Fisher and William McDonald, since deceased, paid back to the county \$250 each.

When the large panel assembled in Superior Judge Frank B. Ogden's court this morning its members were immediately excused having served on the Frick jury. After two hours work but one juror was passed, J. A. Collins of Alameda. Several jurors were excused on the ground that the defendant, being a woman, had their sympathy and that they felt disqualified. The examination of the jurors brought forth sharp hickering between District Attorney Hynes and Attorney McDonald. Hynes insisted that McDonald pressed the examination too far and McDonald asked Hynes to allow the court to rule on his objections.

From present indications it will probably take two or three days to secure a jury. Miss McKee was in court today and the lobby was crowded with spectators, including school women and women friends of the defendant.

The trial grows out of the charge that the members of the board had presented vouchers to the county treasurer for a \$5 per diem fee for meetings never actually held at the Hall of Records. The defense insists that much of the work of the members is accomplished at home and that the defendant was not present at the present session of the board and collect the per diem fee. Miss McKee is a recent appointee to the board and followed what she believed was a custom. She is an instructor at the Vocational high school in Oakland.

Youthful Prisoners Arrive on Ventura

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Fifteen adventurous youths, most of whom ran away from their homes in Germany to go to sea, came to San Francisco today in the latest shipment of exchanged prisoners from the Antipodes since the war began. They came on the liner Ventura. With them were ten men, over the age of 55, who are no longer in military duty. They have been held for two years in concentration camps at Liverpool, N. S. W. The fifteen lads were seamen on German vessels.

Peace Conference Is Offer in German Note

FOUR DROWN ON OAKLAND BOUND SHIP

Sailors Meet Death in Heavy Seas While in Transferring From Water-Logged Barge to Steamer, Says Wireless

Men Who Are Lost Believed to Be From Oakland But Names Are Not Known; Sailors Say That "Hoodoo" Follows Craft

While transferring from the water-logged tow barge Charles Nelson to the steamer Mukiteo, four members of the crew, believed to be Oakland men, were drowned, according to a wireless message received at this port from the sea-beaten craft now breaking its way from the north through the heavy sea to Oakland.

No further word has come from the steamer except that assistance was not needed and that the ship and tow would be in port by Thursday. The barge lost its cargo.

It is thought along the waterfront that misfortune, which began two years ago in Eureka, is still following the Charles Nelson. At that time a fire destroyed the deck houses and sparrows. The engines and boilers were wrecked and the ship was declared a total loss.

The Sunset Lumber Company, owner of the barge, recently built a new hull, Raymond, Wash., named it the Mukiteo and had it towed to this port, where the old boilers and engines of the Nelson were installed. It was while towing the Charles Nelson back into port that the accident occurred, resulting in the drowning of the four men.

In the heavy sea the crew was removed from the barge to the steamer. The names of the men who were drowned were not contained in the wireless report.

The Charles Nelson was built here in 1899 for the home trade, but, until 1914, was used for Eureka, Oakland passenger and freight traffic.

\$5 His Fortune Says Gates on Witness Stand

Former Wife Cannot Hold Her Present Spouse for Debts, Alleged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Clemente B. T. Gates, protégé of Mme. Sembrich and gifted pupil of Jean De Reszke, who three weeks ago wedded Ivan R. Gates, a young promoter, may have to provide from his own wealth for the household necessities, unless her husband's brain and brawn quickly respond to 1916 living conditions. Gates, testifying in Superior Judge Morgan's court this morning declared that his bank roll consisted of \$4 on deposit and \$1 in his pockets. When the court asked how he expected to live, he responded:

I have a healthy body and a good mind.

It was the publication of the story of the marriage of Mrs. Thompson, widow of Frank Thompson, millionaire clubman that was responsible for summoning Gates into court. His divorced wife, Mrs. Azanene Deming Gates, who holds a judgment against him for \$2150 had him cited, together with his bride, to determine his assets. He was questioned as to what he had done with the \$600 recently made by him in promoting the Palace Hotel auto show and responded that it had been expended in furnishing his apartments on Polk street. After hearing the testimony the court dismissed the case.

Gates' bride could not be held responsible for his obligations to his former wife, it was held. She is 23 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Hernandez, and for two years studied in Paris while on a visit there with her late husband.

Shortridge to Address Manufacturers

Charles Shortridge, Oakland attorney and former state senator, will be the speaker before the manufacturers' committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce at its noon luncheon tomorrow. Shortridge will speak on "Community Extension." While considerable secrecy is being maintained in regard to the exact content of his speech, it is understood that he will deal with the much-discussed proposed consolidation of Oakland with San Francisco.

REPLY TO WILSON SUGGESTS MEANS TO END CONFLICT

Kaiser Would Collaborate to Prevent Renewal of War

INFORMALITY SURPRISES

Message Published Before Being Received Here; Neutral Nations to Follow U. S. Lead

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(Wireless to Sayville).—Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—today replied to the note of President Wilson, in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting.

The proposal is made by the central powers that a conference of the delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present struggle. The answer, which also contains the reply of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, says:

The high-minded suggestion made by the President of the United States of America in order to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace has been received and considered by the imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the President's communication. The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of road.

To the imperial government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road to reach the desired result. The note continues:

PATROLS ON ALERT FOR ATTACKERS

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 26.—American border patrols for a hundred miles on each side of the city have been warned by military authorities to be on the alert today. From several sources reports have been received here that armed bodies of men have been seen across the Rio Grande river at points where there are no Carranza outposts or garrisons.

Two regiments of the Kentucky National Guard are doing the principal patrol duty in this district.

The bitter rivalry between the two factions of government troops existing since General Jose Murguia replaced General Gonzales as Carranzista commander at Juarez broke out last night when a major under Murguia, with forty soldiers, shot and killed Raulo Lloja, chief of police at Juarez, on the main street of the Mexican border city. Lloja was an adherent of the deposed commander. The shooting occurred near a cafe in which were a number of Americans at the time.

Fearing a general outbreak the Americans were locked in the cafe, but later were allowed to leave by the rear door. Two other shootings took place on the streets later. Meager reports today from the Torreon district declared that part of the Villista forces in that district were moving toward Monterey. Military authorities here believe that Villa intends to make an attempt to hold Torreon as a base of operations in Northern Mexico.

United States department agents here stated that General Murguia wired his brother at Juarez to send all the troops he could spare to strengthen the Carranzista forces at Chihuahua City.

Conscription Vote Arouses Bitter Feud

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Australia's recent conscription referendum has aroused bitter feeling between certain government officials and many of the laboring classes, according to J. Q. A. Henry, former San Francisco pastor, who returned today from a two-year evangelistic campaign. He said:

The recent coal strike was undoubtedly the result of labor's ill feeling over the conscription question. The strike brought about a remarkable condition. For a time theaters and hotels were lighted by candles, in many cities; heating systems were unknown because of the fuel short-

TO HOLD CONFERENCE.

It begs therefore in the sense of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place.

The imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing further wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready with pleasure to negotiate entirely with the United States in this exalted task. The answer of the Central powers, concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

SCENT DISCOURTESY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Officials here are surprised that Germany's answer to President Wilson's peace note was given out in Berlin before it had reached this country in formal form. They pointed out that in sending his note, President Wilson allowed two days between the time of its despatch and making it public that it might first reach the German government.

In the absence of an official reply, formal comment was withheld at the White House and the State Department.

The direct proposal for a conference of delegates at a neutral place was regarded as a further step in Germany's proposal, although officials considered it as having been definitely foreseen in the first proffer. The opinion has been expressed that if the delegates once should be gathered around a table for the purpose of discussing peace, the result surely would be an arrangement of terms.

The Berlin despatches containing the German reply were read by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing with the greatest interest.

ALLIES DISAPPROVE.

Hasty scrutiny of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace suggestions, as contained in despatches from Berlin, led one of the foremost administration officials today to state his belief that the entente allies will not be satisfied to meet the Teutonic proposals.

This official declared he is strongly of the opinion that "the proposals would be unsatisfactory to the entente allies insofar as hope of arranging a peace conference at this time is concerned."

He expressed the view that the

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in the "For Sale" and "Wanted" Columns of Today's Tribune.

DEATH CARS ARE SOUGHT; TWO KILLED

Bay City Judges and Police
War on Speeders, Following
Three Accidents, in Which
Drivers Hit Victims and Flee

Garages Searched for Telltale
Marks on Autos; Mrs. Margaret
Pierson and C. Bruce,
Conductor, Both of S. F., Die

Determined to put an end to reckless automobile driving, detectives of the entire bay district started today on a hunt through garages and repair shops for the three machines which, in the space of two hours, ran down and killed two persons and seriously injured a third. In each case the speeding autoists left their mangled victims in the street and went on—a felony under the laws of the state of California.

Mrs. Margaret Pierson, sister of Alexander M. Robertson, the book publisher, and a sister-in-law of Dr. Conrad Weil, 1912 Clay street, who lived at the Empire Court apartments, Bush and Leavenworth streets, San Francisco, was killed at Clay street and Van Ness avenue, in that city, while returning home last night from a Christmas dinner at the Weil home. The aged woman, struck by a heavy touring car driven by an unidentified man, was hurled more than 100 feet. Her skull was crushed and several ribs were broken. The machine sped on without stopping.

CONDUCTOR KILLED.
Charles Bruce, a conductor employed by the United Railroads, was another victim of unidentified speeders. Bruce was turning the trolley pole of his car at Forty-ninth avenue and Fulton street, San Francisco, when a machine, traveling at a high rate of speed, careened into him, throwing him to the sidewalk. Bruce died at the St. Francis hospital late last night from a fractured skull. As in the case of Mrs. Pierson, the driver made no effort to halt.

Nicholas Adams, 4275 Twenty-fourth street, San Francisco, a car despatcher for the United Railroads, was crossing East Fourteenth street at Tenth avenue last night when a juggernaut car smashed into him. Adams had his jaw fractured, his nose broken and received several severe internal injuries. The automobile party made no effort to stop. Adams was taken to Providence hospital, where it is said, he will recover.

In each of the three cases broken glass found on the pavement shows that either a windshield or a front light was smashed by the impact of the machine on human flesh. "With this as a clue the police are checking up on every machine on both sides of the bay."

CENTRAL POWERS REPLY TO WILSON

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allies would not consent to a peace meeting based on any such answer as was given in the brief reply by Germany.

The German answer stated that Germany had dodged the request of the United States for something specific in the way of peace terms.

The German answer stated with Ambassador Bernstorff's recent statement that Germany is willing to state her terms at a round table session.

WILL FOLLOW UNITED STATES.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Indications accumulated in official quarters here today that the action of Switzerland in supporting the recent peace move of the United States may be followed by similar action on the part of other European neutrals.

Holland, Spain, the Scandinavian countries and the Pope, it was said, are expected to take some action in the near future.

TERMS SECRET.
ROME, Dec. 26.—Germany has handed to the neutral nations whose services she used in forwarding peace suggestions to her enemies, a sealed packet containing the specific terms upon which she was willing to make peace, according to a report in circulation here today.

The report had it that this packet was sent with instructions that it was only to be read and forwarded to Germany's enemies of the entente in case those powers, answering Germany's proffers actually requested terms. Otherwise, it was to be returned unopened.

The same report declared in the case of the note submitted to Pope Benedict, Germany permitted the holy father to read the secret list of concessions and demands.

HOSTILITY MOLLIFIED.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—British hostility toward President Wilson appeared to have been considerably mollified today. The change was attributable to the latest interpretations of the motives which impelled despatch of the American peace note.

London now regards it as having been sent with the main purpose of forcing Germany to state her peace terms and to carry the implication that unless these terms are "satisfactory" America may enter the war on the side of the allies.

There was, however, considerable continued criticism of what was termed the President's obscurity and "inefficiency" of language and his apparent reversal of principles since May 27, when he stated that America was not concerned with the causes and objects of the war.

Envoy Is Sent to Aid Russo-Japanese Pact

TOKIO, Dec. 8 (by mail).—Plans for strengthening the new alliance between Japan and Russia are believed here to be behind the selection of Viscount Yasuya Uchida, former ambassador to the United States, as Japanese envoy to Russia.

Viscount Uchida fills the post vacated when Viscount Motono was recalled from Petrograd to become foreign minister in the new Teruchi ministry.

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down the peninsula as far as San Jose and induce factories and residents to locate, and when she got to San Jose come up on the mainland. By that time with our present wonderful growth Oakland will be the larger city of the two and it will be a case of the mainland annexing the logical territory—the peninsula.

Uncle Sam has officially given Los Angeles the largest population of any city on the Pacific Coast; all of us know the Los Angeles spirit and pride and no sane man can for a moment think there will be a single vote in Los Angeles favoring allowing San Francisco to grab the largely populated east-bay cities, provided it ever comes up to the people again. Twice I have spoken against the project in different portions of the State and am ready and anxious to do so again in another campaign, provided I get the sanction of the Board of Supervisors and the exposition commission. With the united vote of the east-bay cities and Los Angeles, what chance has San Francisco? None at all.

By Judge L. R. Weinmann
Justice of City of Alameda.

It seems to me that it is up to San Francisco to make a proposition if that city wishes to consolidate with the east side cities. Merely urging consolidation that San Francisco may claim more population is not an argument. We would have to know what San Francisco can offer, what benefits we might derive and what responsibilities we would have to assume before an Alamedan could intelligently vote on the matter.

By Dr. William Tappan Lum
Member of Board of Freeholders of Alameda.

Alameda has just framed a new charter which is supposed to represent the very latest proved ideas in municipal government. This city is to vote on the charter in a few days. It would be idle for Alameda to consider any other form of government until the new charter's fate is known. It would also be folly to go into any consolidation scheme blindly and without being assured of some advantage to be gained.

By J. H. Halton
Businessman of Alameda.

I hardly think that many Alamedans are taking the San Francisco consolidation agitation seriously at this time. We have a charter to vote on and, judging from the publicity stuff, San Francisco seems chagrined more at taking a place below Los Angeles than to have a concrete plan of consolidation. Some plan will have to be worked out in detail before the east side cities will view seriously San Francisco's efforts to grow by absorption rather than by legitimate expansion.

By Charles Heyer
Supervisor.

Never. No annexation. I am against it and I believe that the sentiment of most of the people on this side of the bay is against it. We have nothing to gain and everything to lose. If there was something to inspire it other than San Francisco's rivalry for Los Angeles it might be considered, but we can't sacrifice our identity to please the census enthusiasts.

By James Koford
Assistant District Attorney.

We are growing in this county. Outside cities are beginning to feel the effects of new growth, coupled with their geographical advantages of the east shore. I cannot see just why we should send our business across the bay to help pave Market street. We need all we have and if we are solving our own problems we should be allowed to progress in our own way.

By John Mullins
Supervisor.

Oakland should never consider annexation to San Francisco. I believe that it would be disastrous. We would be lost in the new scheme of government and our identity destroyed over night. Oakland has the continental side of the bay, it has the growing industries, the population and the payrolls. We are fast reaching the goal of our early aspirations. Why sacrifice it? No; I am against annexation or consolidation.

By George E. Gross
County Clerk.

I am of the impression that any effort to annex Oakland to San Francisco would fail. There is much to be done here before we think of a great bay district metropolis to include two or a series of the present municipalities. San Francisco's problems are not the problems of the east shore. There is a mutual interest in the harbor development, but there is a wide difference of opinion as to just what is to be done. We have our own idea as to this and many other things. We don't expect San Francisco to agree with us on all issues. We cannot agree with San Francisco on all issues. So until the atmosphere is clearer I doubt that the east shore will take kindly to such a proposal.

By Joseph J. Rosborough,
Postmaster.

I am most certainly opposed to the proposed consolidation of Oakland and San Francisco. There is no need for us to surrender our identity in that way. Big brothers have a habit of exerting their power over smaller ones, and we do not want that situation to exist between two cities. For the present the only thing to be desired here is a consolidation of east-bay interests. After that is accomplished the trans-bay consolidation plan may be considered.



The New Million Dollar Postoffice

Sec'y McAdoo of the U. S.
Treasury Dept. has said:

"Oakland shall have a new Postoffice, to cost \$1,000,000. The new building shall be at the southwest corner of Grand avenue and Webster."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

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AUSTRIANS MAKE RAID IN OTRANTO

Four Destroyers Sink Patrol
Boats in Italian Waters and
Worst Six Vessels of Sim-
ilar Armament on Return

German Official Report Tells
of Taking of the Village in
Wallachia; Artillery Alone
Is Active on Other Fronts

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 26.—Four Austro-Hungarian destroyers made a successful raid in the straits of Otranto, sank two patrol boats and, on the way back, routed six enemy destroyers of superior type and speed, a Vienna official statement declared today. The statement said:

On the night of December 22-23 four Austro-Hungarian destroyers, in a raid in the Otranto straits, sank two armed patrol boats after artillery combat.

On the way back at least six hostile destroyers of greater size and speed, evidently of the Indomito class, blocked the way of our squadron. A violent artillery combat ensued. One of the host tle destroyers was set afire and three others were several times hit at short range. The enemy's sea forces, among which there was one vessel of stronger, unknown type, were routed.

Of our destroyers, one received two hits in the funnel; another one was hit on the superstructure.

Our losses were one man dead, none wounded.

German and Austro-Hungarian troops stormed at the point of the bayonet the tenaciously defended village of Filipesi in Wallachia, today's official statement announced.

TOWNS EVACUATED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—Evacuation of the Rumanian town of Filipesi, after it had been set on fire by artillery shells, was announced in today's official statement. Enemy attacks along the line from Filipesi to Lichkotanka had been repulsed with great losses, the statement said.

2 Destroyers Hit In Naval Battle

Austrians Attack Ally
Patrol

ROME, via Paris, Dec. 26.—A naval engagement between the French, Italian and Austrian warships in the Straits of Otranto is announced in an official statement issued by the Admiralty.

The statement says: Several enemy ships attacked our patrol vessels in Otranto channel on the night of December 23. French and Italian warships came to the rescue and the enemy fled under cover of darkness, after a sharp engagement. What damage he suffered is unknown. Two French destroyers and one patrol boat were hit and slightly damaged.

FIGHT AGAINST ANNEXATION IS ON

Rivalry With Los Angeles Is
Given As Only Reason
for Campaign.

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cities of the eastern shore until the interests of 313,000 people are united.

ALAMEDA OPPOSES.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 26.—The move made by San Francisco to consolidate all the San Francisco bay territory into a Greater San Francisco is arousing considerable opposition in this city, despite the fact that consolidation with San Francisco has in the past been viewed favorably by a large number of Alamedans. The opposition is based on the sound ground that the proposed new city charter of Alameda should be voted upon first before any other municipal government matter is taken up, and is also opposed on the ground that San Francisco's argument in favor of consolidation appears to be based principally on a desire to become a greater city through absorbing additional territory without offering a concrete plan of benefits to be derived and responsibilities to be assumed.

Fighting has been especially desperate around Filipesi. The attacking forces along the whole line were heavy.

In the Moldavia valley, at Kazino, the statement said, the Rumanians, by Lichkotanka had been repulsed with great losses, the statement said.

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Police Seek Masked Couple; Theft Charged

VENICE, Dec. 26.—The police of Los Angeles and the beach cities have been enlisted in a search for a man and woman who held up and robbed Harry Middleton here early this morning. Both wore nose masks and the woman took \$25 and a gold watch from Middleton while her male companion covered the victim with a revolver.

Daughter of Former Premier Engaged

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The newspapers report the engagement of ex-Premier Asquith's daughter, Elizabeth, to Hugh S. Gibson, first secretary of the American embassy in London. It is understood that the marriage is not to take place immediately.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head
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Will have special attention, beginning Wednesday. We have made price reductions that will insure rapid selling. Every suit in stock is involved—not a single exception.

If you are interested in suits at real bargain prices come Wednesday, and as early in the day as possible.

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\$9.50	\$12.75
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There's a great range of models, fabrics and colors. Good size assortments at every price, too. —Third Floor

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For the six months ending December 31, 1916, a dividend has been declared at the rate of four per cent per annum on savings deposits, payable on and after January 2, 1917. Dividends not called for are added to and bear the same rate of interest as the principal from January 1, 1917.

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Gould, Sullivan & Co. Takes Over 'The Greater'

Bought Stock and Will Open For Business in Oakland Tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 27th

Gould, Sullivan & Co., San Francisco's foremost specialty shop accepts this opportunity of entering the retail field in Oakland and will give the east-bay public a high-class store on the order of their San Francisco house.

The Stock of the 'Greater' Will Be Closed Out in a Huge Sale Beginning Wednesday

Gould, Sullivan & Co. buyers are now in the Eastern market buying Spring Stocks for this new Oakland store.

Every garment from 'The Greater' stock will be cleared out in a hurry.



Gould, Sullivan & Co. will close out the stock of 'The Greater' in the quickest possible time.

Compare the prices now with the former 'Greater' prices.

See the window displays tonight or tomorrow.

An Absolute Disposal of The Greater's Merchandise

Coats Suits Dresses

'The Greater's' Price \$15—Now
Because Gould, Sullivan & Co. desire to close out The Greater's stock these Coats were reduced to \$5.00. Tweeds, Mixtures, Thibets, etc., in the newest flare or belted models.

\$5

'The Greater's' Price \$22.50—Now
These Coats are Check Wool Velours, Melton and Plaids. None will be carried over by Gould, Sullivan & Co.

\$7.50

'The Greater's' Price \$29.50—Now
Broadcloths, Mixtures, Tweeds, Pebble Cheviots. These are all stunning Coats, but must go now regardless of cost.

\$10

'The Greater's' Price \$35—Now
Beautiful Wool Velour, Wool Plush, Pebble Cheviot and Zibeline Coats.

\$15

'The Greater's' Prices were up to \$50. Now
Gould, Sullivan & Co. will close out these Coats at \$19.75. High-grade Broadcloths and Wool Velours, with large fur collars.

\$19.75

Gould, Sullivan & Co. will close out every Suit in the house—none of The Greater's stock will be reserved.

Attractive Suits in Poplins and Serges, which The Greater sold at \$25.00 will be in this Sale at—

SALE PRICE

\$10

GREATER'S PRICE \$25.

High-Grade Suits

Velvets, Broadcloths, Serges, Poplins and Wool Velours, trimmed with Beaver, Opossum and Seal. Suits that The Greater sold up to \$65—now to be closed out by Gould, Sullivan & Co. at this one, sensationally low price—

SALE PRICE

\$15

GREATER'S PRICES TO \$65.

Gould, Sullivan & Co. will carry a heavy stock of Dresses this Spring, but it must be an entirely new stock. Tomorrow we offer Serge, Charmeuse, Taffeta, Crepe de Chine and Novelty Dresses from The Greater's stock at—

SALE PRICE

\$12

GREATER'S PRICES UP TO \$35.

Dresses—Some fur-trimmed

We cannot make an exception in the disposal of The Greater's stock—every Dress must go now, regardless of its merit or true worth. Smart new Serges, Taffetas and Charmeuse Gowns in exquisite colorings will be closed out at—

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STEAMER IN PERIL; S.O.S. CALL HEARD

Maryland, 150 Miles Off Sandy Hook, Is Sinking; Her Boiler Rooms Are Flooded; Submarine May Have Made Strike

Four Ships Rushed to Aid of Boat; Believed to Be U. S. Vessel; British Boat Bears Same Name, Says Register

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The steamship Maryland is reported sinking about 150 miles off Sandy Hook, according to wireless messages picked up here. Four vessels are now on their way to aid the ship. The steamship Savannah, the cutter Acushnet from Boston, the cutter Seneca from Newport, and cutter Mohawk, which picked up the distress signals at sea. Wireless messages said the engine

Scouts Leave to Guard Old Bell on Journey to Oakland



BOYS TO ESCORT RELIC ON ROAD

Old Chime Will Be Used New Year's Eve in Local Ceremonies.

Headed by H. Richards Wilson, Oakland Scoutmaster, who are to act as an escort of honor to the world's oldest bell, left from their headquarters, 404 Eleventh street, today for Bakersfield. The bell will be used New Year's eve in the big festival which is to be held in the Oakland Auditorium.

The machine, in addition to supplies, food, thermos bottles, war kits, emergency hospital outfit and other traveling impedimenta, has been equipped with a wireless set, by which signals of the approach of the party will be flashed overland to the Scout headquarters in this city on the return trip.

The bell will leave Greenwood Mission Inn, Riverdale, late this afternoon. It is the property of Frank I. Miller of that city and is the oldest bell in Christendom having been cast in Santiago, Spain, in 1247. It was originally dedicated to James I of Aragon, the first Christian king of Spain, and was the Ave Maria bell in one of the oldest cathedrals in Europe. Miller, who has one of the finest collections of old bells and organs in the world, procured the bell in London some time ago. He is lending it for the New Year's festival in this city.

WELCOME FOR BELL.
The party will be met at the city limits of Oakland by a delegation of commercial organizations and business men and an escort of police. The bell will be taken to the shores of Lake Merritt, where a band of choir boys in vestments and the Carol Quartet, in Spanish costume, will welcome the guard of honor. Following ceremonies planned for this point the pageant will proceed to the Hotel Oakland, where, beneath the massive 3 1/2-ton floral bell in the main lobby, is the glow of 3000 colored lights, the bell will be formally welcomed to the city.

In the conclusion of the greeting, in which city officials, members of historical and dramatic organizations will take part, a Spanish luncheon will be served in the main dining room of the hotel. During the luncheon a musical program will be given by Alexander Stewart, director of the exposition. Speakers will give the history of the bell and tell the story of its transportation to this country. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the bell will be taken to the Auditorium, where it will remain until the Boy Scout guard until the arrival for it to play its part in the New Year's eve program.

IS SMALLEST SCOUT.
Accompanying the party of Boy Scouts which left today in the automobile to meet the bell at Bakersfield was 12-year-old George Renwick, 403 Perkins street, the smallest Boy Scout in the world, and the mascot of the Oakland branch of the order. Young Renwick, who is a diminutive specimen of a growing American lad, was fitted in full regalia and declared he could make the trip without sleep or food if necessary to protect the historical relic.

The Boy Scout escort party, which will accompany the bell to Oakland in charge of Scout Executive Wilson, included Seymour, Herman Dan-houser, Donald Engle, Robert Johnson and George Renwick. With the exception of Renwick all of the boys are being sent as a reward for their efforts in selling tickets for the recent Scout benefit theater party. Renwick goes by reason of his diminutive size and as official bearer of Oakland's greetings.

RECRUITS ASSIGNED.
EL PASO, Dec. 26.—The hundred recruits for the regular army on the border and in Mexico were quarantined in tents on the parade grounds at Fort Bliss because five of the recruits were found to have measles. The recruits arrived here from Fort Slocum, N. Y., for assignment to the various army commands.

AMUSEMENTS

Pantones

The Great Holiday Bill. Vaudeville Triumphant. The Veterans of the Good Old Days of Minstrelsy.

GEORGE PRIMROSE Most Beloved of Comedians, and His Blackface Boys. The Marvel of the Century. Magicians Baffled. Scientists Puzzled. RESISTA?

The Girl With the Changing Weight. and a Great Eight-Act Play.

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Evenings, 50c, 75c. Mat. Sat. and Sun. 25c, 50c. Pop. Mat. Wed. All Seats 25c.

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75c to \$1.25 Undermuslins

In this sale lot are Combinations, Muslin Petticoats, Nightgowns, Princess Slips, Corset Covers and Camisoles. Slightly soiled from handling.

49c

\$1.25 to \$1.95 Undermuslins

Splendid picking among these. All best grade materials. Corset Covers, Nightgowns, Combinations, Camisoles, Princess Slips and Petticoats.

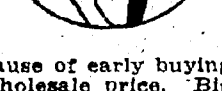
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Special No. 1—

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A remarkable offer that holds good for only two hours—don't miss this! Because of early buying the Early Bird price is less than the present wholesale price. Big line of colors—both dark and light shades. Warm, heavy quality.

Early Bird Special No. 2—9 to 11 A. M. 83c Corduroy Suiting, Yard 69c.

A big two-hour sale of the entire line of stylish corduroy suiting. All the desired colors such as blues, browns, green, tan and white—32 inches wide and very good quality.

Early Bird Special No. 3—9 to 11 A. M. Lace Scarfs 19c Each

Scarfs for evening or afternoon wear. Some are hemstitched, with lace medallion inserts; others are trimmed with wide lace and some with lace insertions. An exceptional value—for 2 hours only.

Early Bird Special No. 4—9 to 11 A. M. 50c to 75c Dress Goods—33c Yd.

Gathered for a big value sale of two hours—covert cloths, novelty mixed suitings, plaids, broadens, and plain weaves, all-wool broadens, and plain weaves, all-wool broadens that are 36 to 42 inches wide. Big range of two-tone effects and light and dark colors. Tremendous values.

Early Bird Special No. 5—9 to 11 A. M. Women's Flannel Middies—Extra Special \$1.59

Made in the attractive coat style of excellent quality flannel. Has neat belt and emblem on the sleeve. Worth much more.

Early Bird Special No. 6—9 to 11 A. M. Children's \$1.79 Dresses—\$1.00

Children's part wool dresses in a beautiful line of plaids and black and white checks. Prettily trimmed with contrasting braid and fancy buttons. Sizes 6 to 14. A royal bargain!

(On Sale in the Basement Store Only)

Important Savings in Domestic

An important savings budget that will delight the thrifty soul of the housewife who needs to replenish her linen closet. Good serviceable qualities at prices which can scarcely be equaled anywhere.

60-Inch Mercerized Damask, Yard 25c.

An extra special value. Closely woven damask of heavy weight and fine lustrous finish. A large assortment of floral and conventional patterns. Laundered beautifully and will give a "world of wear."

75c Mercerized Damask, Yard 53c.

Practically one-third off on these fine 72-inch mercerized damask—of the best qualities on the market. Extra heavy, closely woven, permanent finish and in a big line of floral and conventional patterns. Will make very desirable cloths.

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10-yd. Bolt of Longcloth, 89c

Knowing the present high cost of cotton, this sale price is really amazing. Fine long cloth that is ideal for infants' wear and for dainty lingerie—snowy white and of a strong, sturdy weave.

15c Fleeced Flannelette, Yard 11c.

Sure to be snapped up at this price. Extra heavy weight of soft, fleeced back goods for kimono, waists or house dresses. Very large selection of light, dark and bordered designs; 27 inches wide.

A Big Lace Special!

Values to \$1.00 for 39c Yard.

A good line of Venise and imitation cluny all-over faces in attractive designs. Suitable for trimming dresses, camisoles and other dainty lingerie; 18 inches wide.

Laces Valued to 10c Yd Now 3 Yds for 10c

An attractive assortment of cotton laces—Venise, val, cotton cluny and novelty cotton meshes. A wide choice of design. Needlewomen will revel in bargains like these.

Embroideries to 25c Yd., Special 11c Yard.

Just what you need for the spring sewing—dainty embroidery—hands, edges, galleons and demi-fleur-de-lis in both eyelet and blind effects. Splendid value for the money.

\$1.00 Silk Nets, 79c Yard.

Here's a regular jewel of a bargain. Fine silk nets, 40 inches wide and worth \$1.00 a yard, in all the leading shades and the new evening colors—flame, turquoise, emerald, lettuce, orchid, cherry, gold, etc. Ideal for yokes or for trimming party frocks.

After-Christmas Sale of 300 Lingerie Waists, 63c Ea.

In this group are some brand-new waists just unpacked from their boxes and a number of 85c models that have become slightly soiled from handling. The clearest of the season's styles, with effective trimmings of lace and embroidery. Volles, organizes and fancy weaves, with high and low necks; all long sleeves. Sizes 36 to 44. Wonderful values in the lot.

Capwells

Clay, 14th and 15th Streets

A Great Bargain Feast of Remnants

Wash Goods 1/4 to 1/2 Off

Odd pieces and ends from our big wash goods stocks of 1916. Including lawns, dimities, percales, galatea, kiddies' cloth, challies, flannels and outing flannels. Big choice of colors and patterns. Greatly reduced to make room for the 1917 stocks.

Silks and Dress Goods 1/4 to 1/2 Off

Choice remnants collected from the huge holiday business. Silks, satins, messaline, Chivers, silk poplins, broadcloths, serges, albatross and novelty mixtures—all in good usable lengths.

Drapery Remnants at 1/4 to 1/2 Off

Scrim, madras and silklines in an extensive assortment of colors and designs. Handsome bargains.

(On Sale in the Basement Store Only)

Bargain Extraordinary!

Women's New Flannelette Gowns, 49c.

Right out of their packing boxes—new and fresh and unhandled. Made of a good quality pink or blue striped flannelette, finished with pretty braids. Cut long and full and priced extremely low. Sizes 16, 18 and 17.

Sale of Women's House Dresses \$5.9c

300 new house dresses made of a good quality percale in pretty blue or gray checks with collars of pretty contrasting colors and trimmings of pretty buttons. Skirt cut full. Sizes 36 to 44. A decidedly good bargain. Very trim-looking and wear well.

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\$1.00 Silk Poplins 79c Yard

Beautiful, lustrous silks of great wearing quality. The colors are black, blue, seal, taupe, medium blue and pink. When we tell you the Silk is good value for \$1.00 you will see the bargain offered you.

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Messaline Silks SPECIALLY PRICED 29c Yd.

Marked so very low because the colors are limited to blues, browns and grays. Soft, all-silk fabrics that will make lovely dresses and waists; very effective when used in combination with woolen materials—18 inches wide.

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Novelty Dress Goods, 23c Yard.

This very low price does not begin to represent the full value of the materials. Attractive novelties in stripes and plaids in a big range of patterns. Fine for women's and children's dresses with 27 inches.

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Clearance of Women's Suits, Coats, Dresses

Women's Coats \$7.95 Formerly Marked to \$12.50

Great, cozy coats in jaunty styles that women are sure to like. The materials are mixtures, poplins, diagonals and black zibeline. In both belted and flared-from-the-shoulder models. Big collars and nearly all with roomy pockets. Trimmed with fancy buttons and contrasting color velvets. Good range of sizes.

Suits to \$14.95 for \$7.95

This lot includes some of the season's smartest models—serges, poplins and diagonals in green, navy, brown, black and burgundy. Skirts cut with the fashionable flare and the rather long jackets lined with splendid quality satin. Trimmings of fancy buttons, plush and velvet.

(On Sale in the Basement Store Only)

Women's Serge Dresses Marked to \$10.95

Representing the season's best style ideas—many striking models in the lot. All made of an excellent quality serge in colors of brown, blue, black and burgundy models with effective touches of trimming—silk, fancy buttons, beading and braiding. Skirts all cut with the favored full flare.

(On Sale in the Basement Store Only)

\$1.15 to \$1.50 Nottingham Curtains, 79c Pr

Come early for this splendid bargain as there are only 28 pairs. One and two pairs of a kind—very pretty curtains that will insure the owner a lot of good wear and general satisfaction.

\$1.50 to \$2 Nottingham Curtains, 98c Pair.

Only 48 pairs in this money-saving offer—generally one or two pairs of a kind. Excellent quality for their regular price and a valuable bargain at the sale price.

(On Sale in the Basement Store Only)

\$2 to \$3 Nottingham Curtains, \$1.48 Pair

Just fifteen pairs and the housewife who comes early enough to get one of them has a prize. One and two pairs of a kind. Very attractive at the windows and will wear well.

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Nottingham Net, 14c Yard.

Regularly up to 35c Yd. Fifteen pieces of fine Nottingham net in lengths of 10 to 30 yards. Very special value as some are marked at more than half off. Makes very pretty and effective window hangings.

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NIGHTS-SAT-MAT 2:30-10:30-12:30. PRICES WED-MAT-SAT 19c-75c-50c.

Next Week, beginning Sunday Matinee—Return of the World's Funniest Play, "TWIN BEDS"

Seats now selling. Mat. New Year's Day and Saturday.

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Trickster, Winter Sports. International Cartoon.

HUGE SUM IS RECEIVED BY RAILROADS

Net Revenue to Total Nearly \$1,098,000,000; the Gross Earnings Put at \$2,654,829,647; Expense Is High

Western Roads Net Most Per Mile: Hauls Longer; East Gets More Profitable Shipping; Increase 52 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—More than \$1,000,000,000 net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during the year now closing. The huge total is the peak of prosperity in railroad operations and stands more than one-third higher than the total of 1915, hitherto the banner year.

Statistics gathered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, complete for nine months, and made the basis for calculation for the entire year, indicate that the total net income from operations will be approximately \$1,098,000,000. For the first nine months of the year, complete returns show \$755,558,265. Even this does not represent the full amount, as roads whose income is less than \$1,000,000 are not included.

The estimate, \$1,098,000,000, is regarded by officials as conservative. It makes no allowance for the normal increase in business during the last three months of the year returns for which are unavailable, but places the income for October, November and December at the same figures as for July, August and September. There is no question, officials say, but that there will be an increase; the only doubt is as to its size.

Analysis of the returns for the first nine months shows a startling increase from January to September, amounting to more than 67 per cent. Thus, net income in January, \$64,316,282, had mounted to \$1,073,810,814 in September an increase of nearly \$1,000,000,000.

GROSS RECEIPTS HUGE. For the first nine months of the year the commission's figures show that the railroads collected \$2,654,829,647 from all sources of operation, the chief items of which were as follows:

Freight, \$1,875,010,990; passenger traffic, \$622,103,907; mails, \$45,448,609; from express companies, \$65,089,474; incidentals, dining and buffet car service, operation of hotels and restaurants, sale of vending privileges on trains and at stations, parcel rooms at stations, demurrage, storage, of freight and baggage, telegraph and telephone wires leased to other companies, operations of grain elevators, etc., \$30,414,597; and all other transportation charges, \$76,087,611. The last item embraces sleeping and parlor car service, freight on milk, which has virtually an express service; switching charges and operation of special trains.

This total, using the first nine months as a basis, will reach \$3,600,640,502 when the year closes, officials estimate, and without doubt will exceed it. Never before in the history of railroad operations have the roads had so great a gross income.

EXPENSES BIG. Expenses kept pace with the rapid rise in receipts, although they have measurably increased. From a total of \$182,881,269 in January expenses had increased to \$203,235,849 in September, approximately 11 per cent. During that period receipts had increased from \$260,054,306 to \$324,954,301, approximately 25 per cent. The chief items of expense for the nine months period and for which returns are available are as follows:

Maintenance of way, \$320,167,526; maintenance of equipment, \$441,760,069; transportation, \$358,973,536; traffic, \$146,673,422; miscellaneous operations, \$129,904,739; other expenses, including administration, \$61,996,423. All operating expenses totaled \$1,744,160,022.

Western roads also lead those of all other sections in the amount of taxes paid, \$71,263,601, with Eastern roads second with \$62,440,341. The annual taxes of Southern roads is placed at \$21,923,604. Eastern roads, however, contracted more bad debts than those of other sections, the showing being:

Eastern roads, \$445,805; Western roads, \$367,653; Southern roads, \$152,570.

Eight-Hour Day Bills Planned by States

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Plans for a big fight to get an eight-hour day and health insurance legislation passed in every state legislature meeting in the United States next month will be drawn by the American Labor Legislation Association, which meets here tomorrow.

State commissions in Massachusetts and California are investigating these two things and bills drafted by the association will be introduced in the various state legislatures.

Three Men Injured by "Loaded" Cigar

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 26.—This is what a loaded Christmas cigar which concealed a giant powder cap, did to three men at Auburn.

Lacerated the face of Eugene Bell, a University of Nevada student, making cuts in his lips, nose and over his eye and clipping a piece off a front tooth; blew five pieces into the shoulder of John Carl and the leg of Howard Buchanan.

Veteran General Is Summoned by Death

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—Hollon Richardson, 81 years old, who was brigadier-general of the Seventh Wisconsin Volunteers in the Civil war, died yesterday at his home in Keyport, near here. He took part in General Mead's council of war the night of the first day of the battle of Gettysburg and was present when General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox.

Women's Tennis Flannel Gowns

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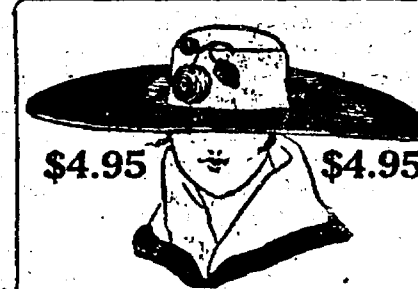


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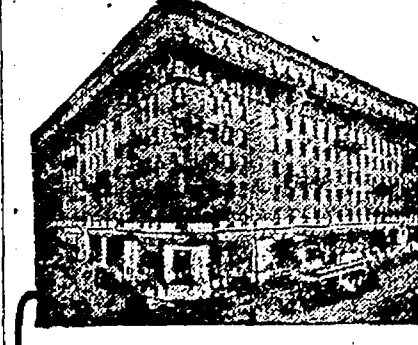
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ONLY CRIES OF FRIGHT.

Oakland and her sister cities upon the mainland shore of the bay are fully alive to the dangers that lurk in a serious revival among San Francisco boosters of the project to consolidate all the communities around the bay into a "Greater San Francisco." The east bay residents have decided against annexation and in the two years following the last defeat of the scheme they have been permitted to realize as never before the great destiny of the east shore, as well as the wisdom of avoiding danger to the future through "entangling alliances."

The motive of the latest outburst of annexation sentiment springs from discouragement over the fact that corporate Los Angeles shows a larger population than corporate San Francisco. Its purpose is solely to add to the quantity of San Francisco by extending the city's boundaries to include outlying communities. Every time our transbay neighbor is reminded of the fact that Los Angeles acquired the source of a water supply and informed all the people of a few hundred square miles of surrounding country that they would have to consent to be Los Angeles or go thirsty she falls into the "dumps." In the intervals between these spasms of desolation she is not adverse to publishing obsolete, and consequently inaccurate, data concerning the relative industrial importance of the east bay district and the near-island district.

Oakland and her contiguous neighbors should not permit this recrudescence of jealousy between San Francisco and Los Angeles to obstruct the vision of the certain goals of the future. The development of the east shore can best be accomplished under communal independence. Its opportunities have been recognized by industry and commerce in other localities and a phenomenal removal from other cities hither has recently been witnessed. The movement has only begun. We have here unlimited facilities, preponderant advantages. This may be said in no spirit of smug conceit, and with fullest sympathy for the lack of room and advantages in other communities, and with genuine regret that certain San Franciscans have again torn the mask off their desire to profit at the expense of the people of the east bay district. There was and still is on this side of the bay recognition of the fact that what benefits one section of the great metropolitan area benefits all, as well as the ardent hope that hearty cooperation will be proffered by all sections in advancing the material prosperity of the whole. Except at the cost of sacrificing our vital interests and identity we shall not depart from this policy of mutual help. It is sincerely to be hoped that the more sober-minded people of San Francisco will take the same stand.

WHY GIVE UP OUR TERMINALS?

The agitation for the building of a union terminal for the transcontinental railways on Goat Island is more serious, in that it follows the suggestion of the naval commission appointed to choose the location for a new base for our warships that the government abandon Goat Island as a naval training station. The object of this scheme is identical with that of annexation, but it is liable to result in an infinitely greater loss in advantages to the east bay district.

No benefit can possibly accrue to Oakland through removing her transcontinental railway terminals to an island in the middle of San Francisco bay. On the contrary, the object which should be kept eternally in mind, and striven for with all possible energy, is the bringing of the railway terminals as close to the business and population centers of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Richmond as possible. This policy has been approved by the voters of Oakland and in pursuance thereto the long wharf of the Southern Pacific railroad is within the next few months to be abandoned and the wharfage and terminal facilities established more conveniently to the business of the city.

Railway terminals should by every rule of economy and reason be at the shipping wharves. "Where sail and rail meet" is not merely a happily-voiced phrase; it is an unassailable law of business and transportation efficiency. It is the ultimate object of every ocean and river-port. Observe the conditions in New York, New Orleans, Galveston—every other modern port. To think of violating it out of deference to a selfish fancy of a neighboring city is foolish. When harbor and wharfage facilities are properly developed on this side of the bay trans-Pacific freight steamers

with cargo for points reached by rail will tie up at our wharves and here will take on supplies and equipment for the next voyage. There are no harbor or wharfage facilities on Goat Island and none possible of development.

Another matter which obviously the members of the naval inspecting board momentarily forgot is the plan of harbor development for the east shore which has been drawn up by the board of army engineers in charge of harbor projects, and which has been approved by all the east bay communities. This project includes a deep-water fairway between Goat Island and the mainland, from Alameda to Richmond. A railroad bridge over to Goat Island would interfere with navigation in this channel, if it did not cause the abandonment of the Rees plans of harbor improvement.

No scheme which involves interference with this harbor project should be entertained by the people of the east shore. If San Francisco wants to put a railroad terminal out in the middle of the bay, let it be extended from the other side. Let it be provided that it does not interfere with the convenience, the advantage and the future plans of other cities. Oakland should acknowledge no part in it.

SLIM PROSPECTS FOR RELIEF.

Nothing conducive to a settlement has resulted from the conference between oil operators, a committee of Congress and the Secretary of the Navy to consider a compromise agreement for adjusting the claims of California oil operators affected by government withdrawals of oil lands for naval fuel reserves. Nothing to the advantage of the operators is likely to result.

Secretary Daniels and the entire naval administration are unalterably opposed to the surrender of a foot of oil land included in the Taft withdrawals of 1909. The Secretary of the Interior has not so far shown a disposition to enter the controversy on one side or the other and the Department of Justice is aligned with the naval crowd. The only hope for the oil operators seems to depend upon the prospects of adoption of the Phelan Senate amendment to the House general mineral lands leasing bill. Near the close of the last session of Congress the Senate placed this amendment on the calendar for December 12th. THE TRIBUNE said at that time that the Senate was not sincere in evidencing a desire to dispose of the question promptly and frankly. December 12th is two weeks past and no vote has been taken.

If this amendment should be adopted by the Senate it is not at all probable that the House will accept it. All reports on the attitude of the majority of the House on the oil question show it is almost certain to support without amendment the ideas of the Public Lands Committee. Representative Scott Ferris of Oklahoma, chairman of this committee, has shaped the proposed new mining laws, including the leasing provision, in accordance with the views of the administration.

California oil operators should be under no delusion as to what the administration policy is. It is clearly seen in the performances of Mr. E. J. Justice as Special Assistant Attorney-General in charge of the government's oil land litigation. Mr. Justice has exhibited greater authority than was ever before delegated to a subordinate official. He appears to have been given carte blanche to say what shall be done to the oil industry of the west. He was appointed to his present position at the request of Secretary Daniels of the Navy as a means of getting him out of the way of the candidacy for re-election of Mr. Daniels' friend, Senator Overman of North Carolina, an administration leader in the Senate. His unlimited powers were bestowed by Attorney-General McReynolds and they are such as to enable him to remove every special attorney-general in mineral land cases west of the Mississippi River and to interfere in the official conduct of regular United States district attorneys. His arbitrary authority has been exhibited in the transfer of oil suits from one judge to another.

Mr. Justice has from the day of his arrival in California acted as if he could not conceive of any right to the private ownership of oil lands. At first his attitude was explained on the ground of his lack of information. His prior professional labors had been performed in a State that never boasted any public lands—that is, since it ceased to be an English colony. North Carolina lawyers generally do not know what a township section is; they conceive it to be a neighborhood or vicinity. But after three years' residence in California, the antagonism of Mr. Justice to this State's oil industry seems to be undiminished.

He apparently is against the oil operators, whether their claims are conceded to be just or believed to be fictitious. He has opposed every effort at compromise or suggestion of a friendly consideration of their interests. Representative Ferris is against them. So is the Navy Department and the Department of Justice. The indications are that only such a bill as Mr. Ferris, representing the administration, approves will pass the House. And Mr. Ferris will not permit the inclusion of the relief for the private operators contemplated in the Phelan amendment.

As was formerly the attitude toward the railroads it is now the general habit of the public to blame all motor car accidents upon the carelessness, indifference or mistakes of the automobilist. An exception to the rule which is noteworthy was the accident Sunday evening that resulted in the death of Miss M. Aitken. Miss Aitken was an inmate of the Industrial Home for the Adult Blind, a State-supported institution. She was permitted to leave the home to visit friends in Berkeley. While standing in the street evidently waiting for a car she was struck by an automobile and killed. Investigation of the exact causes of this tragedy is now being made. In trying to place the responsibility the investigators should not overlook the officials chargeable with the conduct of the Home for the Blind. If it is habitual for them to permit blind women to venture in the streets alone on a stormy, dark night the public should be informed.

The "Safety First" slogan must be credited with having effect. During the last fiscal year there were 533 deaths from industrial accidents in California, which, though a painfully large number, is 158 less than that of the previous year. The industries claim their victims otherwise, however. The accident commission reports that 1264 sustained permanent injuries, and the exceedingly large number of 65,741 met with temporary hurts. Only by comparison can any satisfaction be taken out of these figures. The fatalities and minor accidents were less than they have been.

NOTES and COMMENT

Hydrophobia is a sinister affliction. It is bad for those afflicted, and not pleasant for those who have to take account of the affliction, though not themselves having been infected.

King George of England declares that the war must go on. But what Lloyd-George says is what goes just now in the British empire. However, on this subject it must be admitted they are in accord.

A heading reads, "Holiday Period Gives Hunters Plenty of Time." Which means that they can be more deliberate in faring forth to kill something in order more acutely to enjoy the glad Christmas time.

It was not general knowledge that Santa Rosas were in such an unwanted hurry, but that sixty of them have been arrested in three nights for fast motoring must be accepted as evidence of their impatience to get there.

According to news reports, President Wilson has not made a pronounced hit with the English in his peace proposal. But there is plenty of applause from other sections of the earth that are tired of this sanguinary stuff.

An Oakland girl was aboard the diver-chased steamer Helen Olav in the North Sea, and the diver kept right on chasing. The young lady is home telling about it, which is a sufficient explanation that the steamer was the fleetest.

We have not heard from the Tight and Honorable Order of Spugs this year, though it is no less a financial transaction to remember your friends at Christmas time than in former years. The Spug organization doesn't seem to be catching on.

The shortest day of the year has come and gone and we are bowling along now on a lengthening schedule. Which is an important fact, at least to those economists who have a theory that you can gain daylight by setting the clock back.

Al McCabe has declined a place on the Railroad Commission, according to unofficial and unverified reports from Sacramento. The detail of the news is that if he can't be the Governor's secretary he wants to retire to private life. It sounds fine.

Sanctum news from the Redding Searchlight: "The 1917 calendar, fearsome and gorgeous, has made its appearance. It contains twelve months, same as last year, and just about covers the bare place on the wall where the old one hung."

San Francisco feels that it should be accredited with 100,000 more population than the census estimate, which is 463,518. It would seem to be justified in objecting to the basis of the estimation, which is by applying the ratio of increase between 1900 and 1910.

Some of those who cast ballots last November gave as a reason for the particular way in which they voted that "he kept us out of war." If the belligerent nations will just hold still and follow instructions, they may be able to improve on this and say "he got us out of war."

Some of the Southern California editors ran for office last fall, and some of them didn't get in. The editor of the Redlands Review displays a sign of having been one of them in an observation to the effect that "you can trust the plain people except when they vote against you."

It would seem that the President has not succeeded in impressing upon his cabinet the advantage and general beauty of silence—at least, of a reasonable taciturnity. And this may not be so strange, seeing that the President himself is some considerable way from being a mute.

Buffalo Bill was able to pass the compliments of the season—to wish a Merry Christmas to his friends—which is more than was expected just a few days ago. The grim visitor on a pale horse has not by a long way caught up with the spectacular figure on the magnificent white horse that has been made familiar to millions of people under the circus top.

The census as to population might be taken every five years, instead of every ten, with great satisfaction to cities that feel their growth and demur at estimates. The need of this is felt in the recent report of the superintendent, who based the present population of some California cities on their growth in the decade between 1900 and 1910. It is by no means an accurate way.

SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS

The fact that the Chico region has only one-fifth as many cows as are required to keep a milk condenser going is a surprise and a disappointment. One thing is certain, any worthy farmer who wants to increase the size of his herd of milk cows can secure all reasonable help from the banks.—Chico Enterprise.

Here's a mark for the Kern-county farmers to beat: A carload of hogs was sold wholesale by a Tulare county farmer for \$2170, at the rate of \$8.85 per hundredweight. This is said to be a record price for pork direct from the ranch.—Bakersfield Echo.

With the Mormons looking over Tulare county lands for investment and the Belgian farmers actually taking up land in Kern county, agricultural progress of the upper San Joaquin valley is continuing.—Bakersfield Echo.

President Thelen of the National Association of Railway Commissions gives the information that railroads are scared and are trying to ruin their own credit by their claims that regulations by forty-nine different state commissions is crippling power. There is no more sense in having forty-eight different state railroad commissions making forty-eight different sets of rulings and requiring forty-eight different sets of reports from a railroad than there is for having forty-eight different sets of postage rates and rulings in forty-eight different states in the Union.—Richmond Terminal.



THE FORUM

The Editor of The Tribune disclaims responsibility for opinions and statements expressed in this column. Brief contributions on current topics of general interest are welcome. They will not be as a rule printed unless accompanied by the name of the writer, which, if desired, will be withheld from publication.

POSTAGE RATES.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

A few nights ago there appeared in your editorial columns an article in regard to increase of postage on magazines, newspapers, and such.

Can you tell me why it is that we pay 2 cents an ounce for first-class letter postage and only 1 cent a pound for magazines and newspapers? Do you think it is right for users of first-class postage to subsidize second, third and fourth class mail matter, to the benefit of the publishers and readers of such publications? You say if postal charges increase it will hurt the magazines, weeklies, monthlies and other periodicals.

We admit the educational advantages in all publications are good and they should reach the readers at the lowest possible proper cost. Therefore, if each department of our postoffice—first, second, third and fourth class—was self-supporting, without profit there would be no complaint to offer, but it is not; first-class postage shows a large revenue, while the others show a deficit. Is it right, fair or just that such should be the case?

Publishers should pay their just proportion the same as users of first-class postage. We are not a nation to subsidize, although we may be compelled to do so on certain lines to meet foreign competition, but this does not apply to our own postal charges in our own country; everyone is equal and publishers should not have any advantage over individuals.

We send out a great many letters during the year and the majority of same are sent out with a one-cent stamp. The envelopes are partly open, the letters are written on a multigraph machine and are signed with a rubber stamp, and we have almost as good service for one cent as we do for two cents. Is it right or fair, if they can give as good service for one cent as they do for two, that we should be compelled to pay two cents simply because the two-cent postage makes up the deficit. The same applies to third and fourth-class matter?

I have read similar articles in other papers and it strikes me, that the trouble with the publishers is, that matters whose foot the shoe pinches. If postal rates are adjusted to where they should be, Mr. Publisher would be compelled to pay his just proportion, and Mr. Reader would be compelled to pay the just price, and so would Mr. Advertiser. I presume, if postal rates are advanced, it will cost this association more for some classes of mail matter, but it is right, fair and just, and we are for it.

L. R. SMITH,
Secretary California State Retail Hardware Association.

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

The Christmas greens, the Christmas greens! A thousand bards have sung Of holly and of mistletoe At Christmas revels hung.

The dusky green of fir and pine In fragrant garlands made, The evergreen of Christmas trees In tinsel gay arrayed.

The Christmas greens are beautiful And add no doubt to mirth, When Christmas bells are ringing out Good will and peace on earth. But still the kind of Christmas greens Preferred the most by me Are the long green strips they issue from the press.

The U. S. Treasury.
—Minna Irving in New York Sun.

CINCINNATI MAY REJOICE.

Cincinnati is to be congratulated on the gift by Mrs. Charles P. Pratt of a \$100,000 heroic statue of Lincoln by George Gray Barnard. Barnard is one of the foremost living sculptors, akin to Rodin in the conception and execution of his art.—Springfield Republican.

OUR CARIBBEAN EMPIRE

The definite approval, by a vote of almost two to one by the people of Denmark, of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, makes it plain that St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John will soon pass under the Stars and Stripes, and that our domain in the Caribbean will be increased by a possession which is indeed small in population and territory, but very important economically and strategically. The extraordinary value of the harbor of St. Thomas has often been dwelt upon. It stands at the front door, as it were, of the Caribbean Sea, which little by little seems to become our own. At St. Thomas' right, as one steams past these Danish islands into the Caribbean, lie first Culebra, an island which came to us with Porto Rico, and upon whose harbor and fortifications the United States lavished millions of dollars before the Canal Zone was occupied; then comes Porto Rico itself, certainly the gem of our present Antillean possessions. Next, in that direction, across the Mona Passage, is the island of Hayti, over which we have assumed a virtual protectorate, particularly as relates to its eastern portion, the Dominican Republic, an island surpassingly rich in resources, geographically the equivalent of South Carolina, and in population the equivalent of Indiana. Beyond this superb island, in which, we may be sure, the preponderant influence of the United States is not likely to be relinquished, lies Cuba, which thence reaches on for seven hundred miles, its ultimate cape extending to within a hundred miles of the coast of Mexico, at Cape Gairard, in Yucatan. The American interest in Cuba needs no statement. We represent that island to the outer world, we have made ourselves responsible for its sanitation and for the maintenance of order within it, and we possess on its southern shore, facing the Caribbean, the fortified naval base of Guantanamo, the "Gibraltar of the West Indies." This line of possessions and of virtual protectorates blankets the Caribbean on the north as the Central and Western States of our Union blanket the Great Lakes on the south. They extend in all for a distance of 1400 miles, quite unbroken.

If, now, we turn to the left, or the east, from St. Thomas, we have but to follow the fringe of the Lesser Antilles, the Leeward and the Windward Islands, for a distance of 750 miles, to fall upon the coast of South America, at the mouths of the Orinoco; for the extremity of Trinidad, the southernmost of these islands, is but two or three miles from the continent. These Lesser Antilles, all of which are small, belong to Britain and to France, in an indiscriminate arrangement, with one or two among them all which are Dutch. Not one of them under the Monroe Doctrine, can ever be transferred to any other flag than ours or their own. They stand guard over the eastern end of the Caribbean, but are so remote from our great interest at Panama that they are of small strategic consequence as compared with our own possessions, which are rounded out on the south by the Canal Zone and on the Canal, the most important thing of the United States, continent outside Nicaragua now extends our influence farther up around the southern side of the Caribbean, helping to inclose the sea as in a horseshoe. In its midst, or near its northern shore, lies the pearl of Britain's West Indian possessions—Jamaica—an island half Americanized, completely annexed to our commerce. This British crown colony is a political anomaly there—in some sense a foreign intrusion in our "Yankee lake." It is a fair presumption that in due time, by friendly sale or exchange, Jamaica, too, will pass beneath our flag.

This great Caribbean domain, or interest, according as we may call it, had absolutely no other existence, as short a time ago as the beginning of the year 1898, than the wretched rock of Navassa, southwest of Hayti, over which, when it was covered with guano, the American flag was hoisted, and which became nominally an American "colony." In due time the guano and the few inhabitants disappeared from Navassa, and it was abandoned in every sense. By that time Porto Rico had passed into our hands, and Navassa was but a useless crag above the waves. But in the days to come, when our possessions in the Antilles and Central America are consolidated into a great realm encircling the American Mediterranean, a single shaft should be raised at the little island's summit to mark the scene of the beginning of our Caribbean empire.

THE JESTER.

Danger in Sight.

The cat settled himself luxuriously in front of the kitchen range and began to purr. Little Dolly, who was strange to the ways of cats, regarded her with horror.

"O gran'ma, gran'ma!" she cried. "Come here quick. The cat's begun to boil."—Christian Register.

A Sure Cure.

"How did you cure yourself of insomnia?" I left a lot of my day's work unfinished and tried to stay awake and do it at night."—Boston Transcript.

Inherited.

Mrs. Malone—"Tis Mary O'Reilly that's the foine plannny player. Mrs. Clancy—"Shure an' no wonder! Wasn't her granfather a plannny mover?"—Boston Transcript.

Smart Scientist.

The scientist had given a very scientific lecture, and at the end he said, beaming down on his audience condescendingly: "Now if there is any scientific question that any of my friends would like to ask, I beg them not to hesitate. I shall be only too happy to answer any inquiry in my power."

An old lady in spectacles that gave her a severe, stern look rose and said: "Why do wet tea leaves kill cock-roaches?"

The scientist did not know wet tea leaves did anything of the kind, much less the cause of the phenomenon; but, never at a loss, he replied: "Because, madam, when a cockroach comes across a wet tea leaf, he wraps himself up in it, catches cold, and dies."—Tit-Bits.

TODAY 20 YEARS AGO.

Harold Bolce, a graduate of high school and university, and a newspaperman, has joined the ministry and will organize the "Cosmopolitan Church" in San Francisco.

Thomas H. Williams, president of the California Jockey Club, brought joy to the inmates and directors of many of the charitable homes yesterday by giving \$100 to each of several of these institutions.

The engagement is announced of Fred W. Koch, U. C., '96, and Miss Amanda Krenz, also a graduate of the state university.

The University of California football team defeated the Los Angeles Athletic Club team yesterday by a score of 14 to 0.

HOW THE ANCIENTS BATHED.

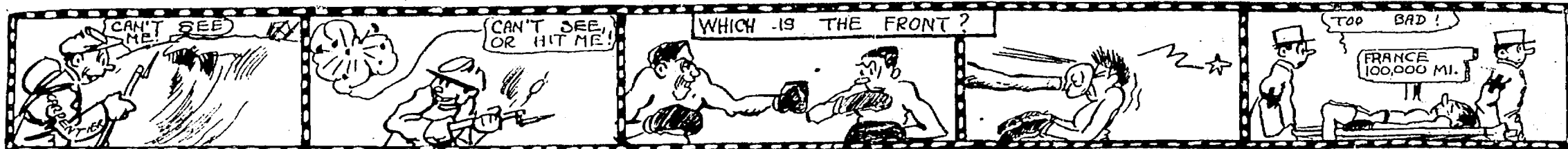
Ancient Rome is said to have consumed no less than 240,000,000 gallons of water a day; and one of its most noticeable features of the modern town is the prodigious effluence of its water, gushing from fountains of every conceivable size and design. The Trevi is the most magnificent in the city, its waters—called Acqua Vergine, Virgin Water, because of its purity—the finest. The old Roman baths required a lot of water. The splendid Thermae built by the degenerate Emperor Caracalla had accommodations for 1600 bathers. Besides the baths proper, the establishments included within its area, of about a quarter of a mile square, a gymnasium, athletic field, library, and even a racetrack. Its ruins tower above the plain today like some mountain blasted by nature.—National Geographic Magazine.

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SPORT PAGE

The Baseball Scribbler sat at his desk
With deeply furrowed brow.
He couldn't find a single line
Of sporting news now.

GIVE SANTA CLAUS A PERFECT BATTING AVERAGE, PLEASE.

EDITED BY
EXPERT STAFF

And so with frown he sat him down
And turned up his pipe,
And gave his views on ancient news
And rumors rare and ripe.

TENNIS AND GOLF HEADS
FACING MOMENTOUS TASKS

Amateur Question in Both Ranks Presents Big Problem

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Things are going to be a little different in the world of tennis and golf next year. Both have the amateur question to face, and both are going to make for the reinstatement of the amateur, former national champion.

It is a tough job that both organizations face, but whatever action is taken, it will be a first in the history of the sport.

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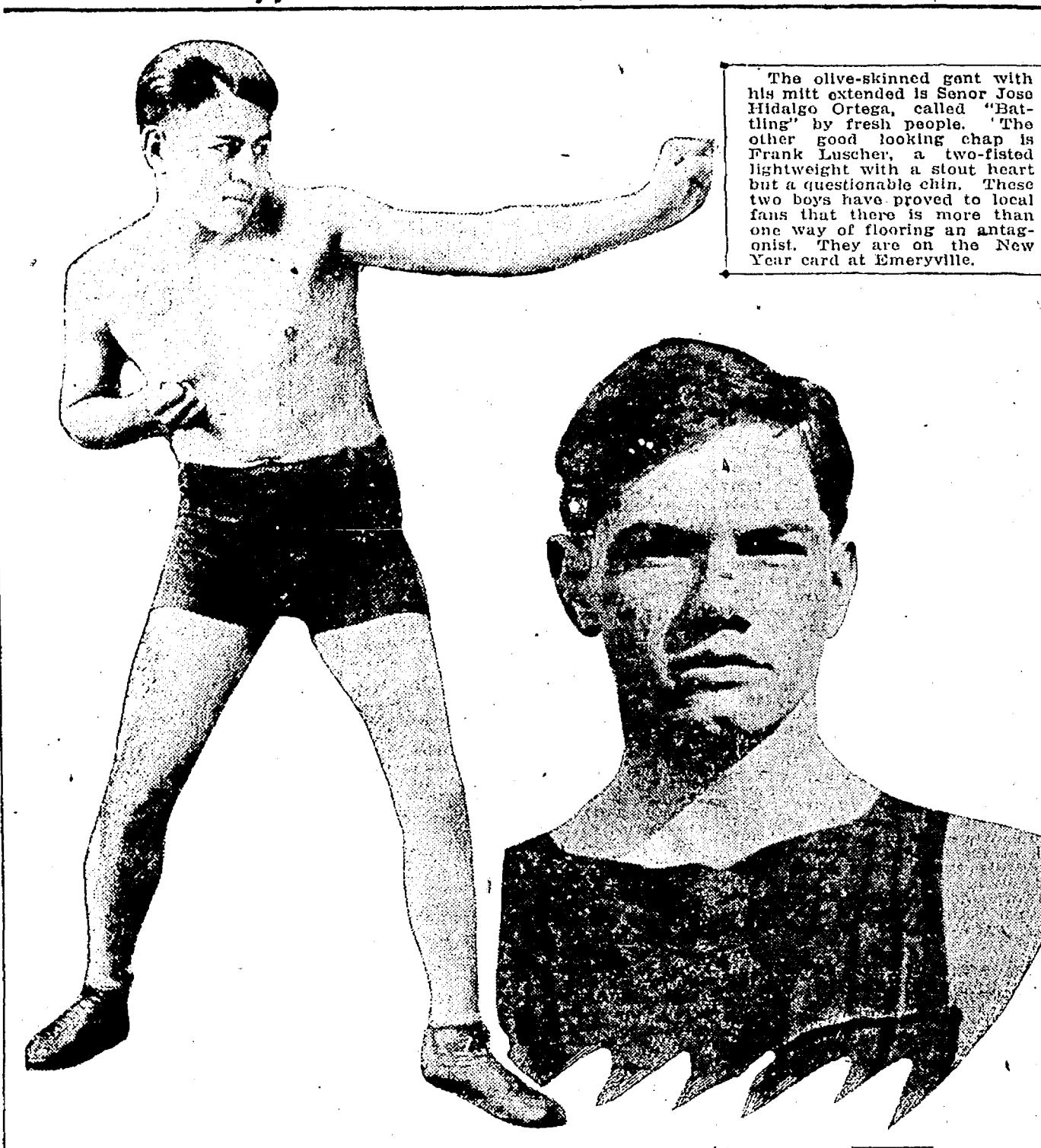
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Different Types of Millers, But Each a Favorite

The WHISPERING BALL
BASEBALL'S MOST EXTRA-ORDINARY STORY.
By Hugh Fullerton

CHAPTER XXVII.
Terpening's Accusing Finger.
Terpening has discovered something important.
That message, telephoned to his room early on the evening of the semi-final, was a revelation to him. He had been lying down, reading, after the strenuous day, striving to rest his overtaxed mind and body for the final struggle of the next day.

The schedule, in addition to the regular league games, will include a round robin of the club of Sacramento on January 20, which opens the season and possibly a game with the Red Bluff club of the same name on January 21. The games will be played with the Reno Y. M. C. A.

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The olive-skinned giant with his mitt extended is San Jose's Hidalgo Ortega, called "Batting" by fresh people. The other good looking chap is Frank Luscher, a two-fisted lightweight with a stout heart but a questionable chin. These two boys have proved to local fans that there is more than one way of flooring an antagonist. They are on the New Year card at Emeryville.

And the trade responds by smoothing the path and lying between the prospective purchaser and promoter, thus gulling the buyer and entertaining him by various devices en route.

But consider the sporting enterprises of the world, and analyze them. If the public is to save or promote, it is no exaggeration to say that the men who promote sports are the most money for the least pains of any persons doing business today.

Take baseball, for example: Last week, in the National League, the managers foregathered to consider improving their teams, reducing salaries, saving money along the line, etc. They considered improvements for betterment of the public.

And yet, if they but grasped the business idea, as it exists in every other line of endeavor, that money invested in sports, if not returned many fold, they might not have to be considering cutting down the player's salary and inviting strikes.

A business concern, hoping to increase its following if it took hold of some of our baseball clubs, would aim at the following changes:

Clean seats for everybody—it would triple the women patronage.

At present the equipment of certain ball parks is defective in all the particulars named. There is every reason to believe it will be much the same next spring unless an act is taken.

And yet the owners value their investments at something like a half million dollars and are eager to have their public, does not flock to their gates.

Baseball is by no means the worst offender, although the most conspicuous. The boxing game is a sin and a shame, and the prize ring is a disgrace.

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SPORTING WORLD NEEDS
BUSINESS-LIKE PROMOTORS

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DISGUISED BATTLESHIPS UPON COAST

"Commerce Protectors" Will Lie in Wait for U-Boats and Escort Merchantmen Across Atlantic to Defend Shipping

New Boats, Fast As Well As Dangerous to Smaller Class of Vessel; Large Number Are Now Off America, Declared

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of allied warships was indicated definitely today. The vessels are known officially as commerce protectors.

They are heavily armed and disguised. For obvious reasons their exact disposition is not revealed, but the arrival recently in American waters of this newest unit of the British and French admiralities was made known from a source that hardly can be mistaken.

For some days skippers of trans-Atlantic and coastwise steamers have been bringing to New England ports reports of strange appearing craft that were making their way westward. They made no reply to signals and could not be approached. They steered a vagrant course and were described variously as of the fashion of merchantmen, transports, light cruisers and even of submarines. Picked together these reports fitted in with the suspicion now apparently confirmed, of shipping men. It is said, the first arrived safely at Halifax, N. S., a few days ago but not long then became known generally about it because of the strict censorship maintained.

The commerce protectors are described as large and powerful but capable of false speed.

They were designed, it is said, to meet the German U boat danger and in anticipation of an attempted raid off the Canadian coast similar to that made by the U-53 off Nantucket on October 8. At that time shipping men figured there was not an allied warship within five hundred miles of the spot that Captain Hans Rose deliberately selected in which to operate.

MILITIA HEAD IN DIVORCE COURT

Colonel George A. Schaffey Testifies in Suit for Separation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Col. George A. Schaffey, former head of the National Guard here, prominent architect, and at present a resident of New York, came all the way across the continent to testify this morning in his divorce action against Mrs. Martha A. Schaffey. Despite the united request of Attorney Henry Monroe, representing the wife, and Attorney Walter Christy, appearing for the husband, Judge Trout declined to hear the case behind closed doors. Thereupon Monroe said he would forego cross-examination for the sake of the family.

The testimony was to the effect that the Colonel had no peace at home, that his wife characterized national guardsmen as "Drunks" and "Bums" and classed him in the same category. He said his troubles arose over religious difference and were accumulative rather than acute.

Alameda Rugger in Clash; East End Wins

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—The East End rugby team had an easy time with the West End rugbiers in the annual East End West End championship game at Lincoln park yesterday. At no time did the West End team show in dangerous form.

Philip and Len Hollywood, Mendell Larkin, Red Mehan and "Swede" Smith were the bright stars of the East End team. Charles Tilden and Ming and "Butch" Bruzzone formed a trio of dangerous West Enders.

Suffragists Win at School; Oakland High Boys Piqued



MISS ROBERTA WELLS, one of the members of the principally feminine board of control elected to rule the student destinies of Oakland High School.

Girls Obtain Control of Offices and Revolution May Follow

At the Oakland High School a revolution has taken place among the students, and another threatens to take place.

For the first time in the school's history the balance of power in the student body of the school in Twelfth street has fallen into the hands of the girls. The feminine will may rule there during the coming session.

This state of affairs has not been accepted peacefully. There is a rumble of discontent among the boys of the school, who have been deprived so unexpectedly of their former rights, and expressions of their feelings are looked for after school opens next Tuesday.

STUDENT BOARD.
The Oakland High School student body has student control through a board of eight managers, elected by the members. This board of control, through regular meetings under parliamentary law, rules the student body. Its members manage athletics, publications, financial affairs and other affairs of the students.
Last week when the election was held a struggle for political supremacy occurred that showed suffrage ideas had permeated the school. Factions forgot their differences and voted in solid formations—girls constituted one side, boys the other.

Wife, Awakened by Smoke, Saves Spouse

Awakened by smoke pouring into her bedroom, Mrs. Joseph H. Norris, 472 Vermont street, managed to awaken her husband early this morning in time to prevent almost certain death by suffocation.
An electric iron, with the current turned on, is believed to have been the cause of the blaze, which caused a loss of \$350. The fire department soon had the fire under control.
The iron was placed on a bed in a room adjoining the Norris bedroom.

DR. SIMONDS TO LECTURE.
At Starr King Hall, Fourteenth and Castro streets, Unity Club, tomorrow evening. There will be a social program and an illustrated lecture by Dr. W. D. Simonds on "The Christ Story in Art."

AGNEW WILL GET SUBSTITUTE'S JOB

New Ordinance Caring for the Police Inspector Filed With Council.

An ordinance which has the purpose of elevating Inspector Louis E. Agnew to the position of substitute commissioner of inspectors of the Oakland police department as it was promised would be prepared, was introduced in the city council today by the civil service board through Commissioner W. H. Edwards. Commissioner Jackson approved the ordinance.

The ordinance which will give Inspector Agnew a salary of \$200 a month instead of less than \$150 he now receives is as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the occupant of a position in the classified service in the police or fire departments is granted a leave of absence to accept a position with the city not in the classified service, any employee of the city in the classified service on the eligible list for such position or when no eligible list exists, any person who would be eligible to take the examination for the position from which such leave of absence was taken, may be appointed to said position this made vacant by said leave of absence, to hold the same only during the aforesaid authorized leave of absence, and while so occupying said position shall be paid the salary thereof as fixed by the city charter, and the auditor is hereby empowered to pay said salary to said employee.

Section 2. Whenever, for any reason, the employee occupying a position in the classified service shall cease to hold said position, the position when the same thus becomes vacant shall be filled by the employee in the classified service theretofore shall, if occupied, immediately become vacant, and entitled, if otherwise qualified, to be appointed thereto. The employee in the classified service who held the last named position when the same thus became vacant, shall be returned to his former position without loss or demotion of rank.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

MINING ENGINEER, 81, DIES AT HOME

Benjamin F. Howard Was for 39 Years a Resident of California.

Following a residence in California of thirty-nine years, Benjamin F. Howard, mechanical and mining engineer of wide repute, died this morning.

Born in Leeds, England, 81 years ago, Howard crossed the Atlantic as a boy and soon became engrossed in mechanical engineering in Pennsylvania. As an engineer of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad he gained a reputation. He came to California in 1877.

For many years he was an employee of the James Hagin mine in Calaveras county and while there introduced several innovations in the way of new methods of mining procedure.

Surviving children include Mrs. J. Hamilton Todd, wife of Dr. J. Hamilton Todd; Mrs. M. J. True, Mrs. Henry Atkins, Mrs. Ernest N. Atkins, Thomas P. Howard of San Francisco, Ashton Howard of Calaveras and B. Frank Howard.

6,000 EXPECTED FOR U. C. TERM

Heavy Registration for Spring Semester Indicated; Many "Prep" Graduates.

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—Upwards of 6,000 students are expected to register in the University of California for the spring semester, which opens January 16. This will bring the total students at Berkeley for the year, including summer session and graduate, to well above 11,000.
Fraternity houses and house clubs are practically deserted over the holidays. A number of members of the faculty have also departed from Berkeley for the winter vacation time. Applications for admission to the new semester will not be received until January 8, so that exact new registration cannot be approximated until that time.
On that date the second half year in the academic colleges, college of dentistry, California college of pharmacy and Hastings college of the law begins. From January 9 to 13 matriculation examinations will be held.

Would Force Baths to Take Out Permits

It depends on Commissioner Jackson whether or not friend hubby can get by any more with the excuse that he "stayed right in the Hamman baths." Hereafter any person who desires to conduct such a place in Oakland will have to consult Commissioner Jackson in order to get a permit. The commissioner delivers in harmony of the domestic violence for delinquent husbands. In an ordinance introduced in the council today he provided that no longer may the Turkish, Russian, vapor, electric, salt or magnetic baths be administered in Oakland without a permit.

U. C. Soph. Prays for Rain Long, Long Way to Visalia

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—No Western Texas farmer ever prayed for rain more diligently than Kenneth Uhl, sophomore student in the University of California, is now petitioning therefor.
Uhl is beginning to fear it means about \$200 to him.
Uhl is the son of a well-to-do valley farmer and lives at Visalia. Before college closed, he endured considerable suffering from his fellow in Alpha Delta Phi fraternity because of his weight, which is 240 pounds. He was, he maintained, as capable as they when it came to exercise.

MAY IMPORT BOOZE FOR PERSONAL USE

State Supreme Court Rules Residents of "Dry" Areas Have Right.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A decision that radically changes the situation in those parts of the state "dry," under the Wylie local option act, was rendered today by the Supreme Court, in the case of J. E. Winkler of Glenn county, who appeared from a conviction on a charge of purchasing liquor and bringing it into that county for another person.

The court holds that a resident in a "dry" territory has a right to go into "wet" territory and purchase liquor for his or her personal use, and to bring it back. It further holds that such purchase can be made by an agent.

Winkler was asked, when going to Chico, to purchase liquor for M. Hamilton, a detective employed by the "drys." He did so, charging Hamilton only what he paid for the liquor.

He was then arrested.
The Supreme Court held in the decision today that, in such a case, Hamilton was buying liquor for himself through an agent; that Winkler was the agent, and was therefore within his rights.

This means that a large area of the state "dry" under the Wylie local option law will be able to import liquor "for personal use."

GIRL DRESSED AS MAN SEEKS SISTER

Strange-Masquerade Ends in Detection and Cell in City Prison.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Arrested at an early hour this morning for masquerading in male attire, Miss Gertrude Sweet, a pretty Alaskan girl, 26 years old, told a story of an all night hunt through the Tenderloin district for her sister, Claudine Sweet, 24, who disappeared from the North several months ago.

According to the girl's story, she came to San Francisco for the purpose of finding her sister and taking her back with her. After days in fruitless effort, she finally learned, she says, that her sister was a habitue of the Tenderloin, where she was known under the name of Matterson.

Unable to pursue her search in her own clothes, through fear of insult, the girl told the police, she procured a dress of male clothing from a second-hand store with her meager savings, and with her hair tucked under the slabby cap started on her weary hunt.

The matter was solved over until tomorrow. In the meantime, police detectives have been instructed to comb the Tenderloin district for traces of Claudine Sweet.

Office Robbed? No; Fast Clerk Distributed Mail So Fast They Missed It

"Postoffice robbed. Send Inspector at once!"

That was the message that spelled Chief Postal Inspector S. H. Morse's Christmas dinner, when he prepared yesterday for a holiday in his Berkeley home. An inspector was hurried to Gonzales, Monterey county, where Postmaster Charles Coffey sent in his S. O. S. call.

Today Morse's mind is relieved. There was no robbery after all, it was all because a new clerk was too speedy for the postmaster.
The postoffice is the town's general store. As Christmas packages arrived, and Coffey, before distributing the mail, went to luncheon. Ten minutes later he returned. The packages were gone!

The new clerk, it has been learned, once worked in a postoffice. In ten minutes the postmaster was gone he put all the packages in their pigeon holes. It always took the postmaster an hour, he could not conceive of any human being doing it faster.

Hence the message.
Hence the explanations.
Hence Morse's present ease of mind, despite the interrupted Christmas dinner.

Murillio Canvas in Los Angeles Vaults

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Securely locked behind steel doors of a vault in a Los Angeles bank is a genuine "La Purissima" canvas by the famous master, Murillio, believed to be the second of that title painted by him. It is owned by Quinton Gutierrez and was found as the result of a search for another canvas by the same painter and bearing the same title, which was stolen from the cathedral at Guadalajara, Mexico, when the town was the center of much fighting.

Riskin License Matter Again Up to Chief

The city council today referred back to Chief of Police Peterson a resolution recommended by Commissioner Edwards granting Samuel E. Riskin, a pawnbroker, a rehearing.
The Riskin license at Ninth street and Broadway was taken away for sixty days by the council two weeks ago on recommendation of Chief Peterson, who claimed that the proprietor had participated in sharp practices in dealing with several customers.

Son of Oakland Man Is Success As Stage Star



JOSEPH BELL.

Joseph Bell, Bishop Star, Scores Hit in Role in "On Trail."

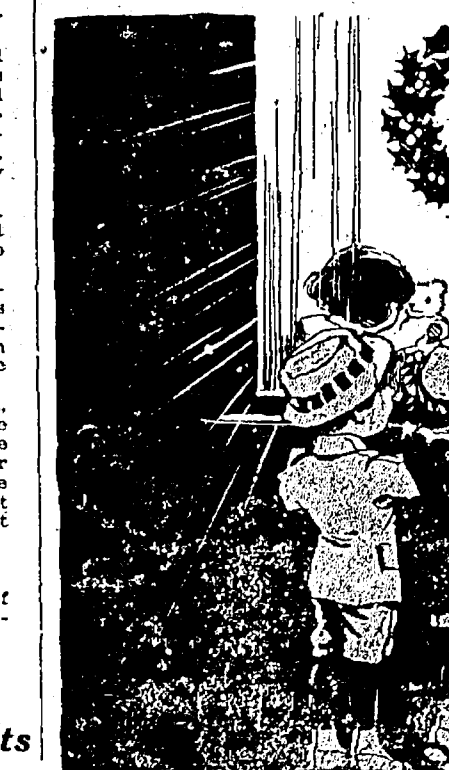
A distinctive hit is being made by Joseph Bell at the Bishop Playhouse. Joseph Bell is an Oakland boy, the son of Harmon Bell, one of Oakland's pioneers, who has the distinction of having been the first president of the Oakland Commercial Club. His son has been recently returned from New York where he was a member of Gracie George's company and his excellent work in the part of Stanley Glover, the crafty private secretary in "On Trail," the last attraction at the Bishop Playhouse has been somewhat of a surprise to his many friends in Oakland.

Waterfront Lease Suit Nearing End

Paul C. Mori, city attorney of Oakland, began his concluding argument in the waterfront lease case now pending before Superior Judge Everett J. Brown, in which the city and the Lurie Wharf and Warehouse Company are contesting the validity of leases in East Oakland built in 1904. The case has been technical, dealing with abstract problems of law and it is promised by both sides that on a decision from the local court the decision will be appealed to the highest court in the state for final adjudication.

SEEKS WORD OF SON

William Hoffman, Fresno railroad man, has appealed to the east bay authorities to assist him in his search for his son, Frank, who disappeared from his home in the ruin city December 19, and is thought to have come to this city with a friend, selling papers or doing messenger work. Frank is 14 years old, but looks 16; he has brown hair, dark eyes, medium complexion and when in school wore a brown suit and checkered cap.



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AAROE—December 19, to the wife of
 Jousen Aaroe, a son.
ASAI—December 21, to the wife of M.
 Asai, a daughter.
BOOMER—December 20, to the wife of
 Godfrey, a son.

EVANS—December 20, to the wife of William Evans, a daughter.
FOGLIA—April 21, to the wife of A. Foglia, a daughter.
FRAIGHTS—December 20, to the wife of E. Fraights, a daughter.

GARIBALDI—December 10, to the wife
of Garibaldi, a son.
HUTCHINSON—December 15, to the
Leroy Hutchinson, a daughter.
LEFLER—December 21, to the wife
of William Lefler, a daughter.
MULLER—December 14, to the wife of

A. Miller, a daughter.
PAZZONUO—December 22, to the wife
 A. Pazzonuo, a son.
PHILLIPS—December 22, to the wife
 Martin Phillips, a daughter.
SPOTT—December 22, to the wife of I
 Spott, a son.

SOHMALENBERGER—December 16, to
of William P. Schmalenberger, a dau
SYLVIA—December 21, to the wife of
Sylvia, a daughter.
TAYLOR—December 21, to the wife of
Taylor, a son.
WOO—December 21, to the wife of Dav

DEATHS.
 Johan Page, Clemina A. J. Castrol,
 F. Paige, Francis V. Aylmore, Henry
 shelm, Gertrude A. Denny, Nellie
 Thomas McJ. Moore, Timothy Hinchlo
 riette Walton, Eugene B. Connolly,
 Hank, Clara, Edwards, ...

Elizabeth Boothby, Susan Kirkman Morris
Isaac E. Howard, George Trager, Ellen E.
Paulsen, Russell M. Wilcox, George W.
Mrs. Mary Fish, Frank E. Haswell,
Silveira, Ermanno Costa,

AMEDEE—In San Francisco, December 1.
Celene Catherine Amedee, beloved wife of
late Pierre and loving mother of the
ward C., mother-in-law of Leonido and
mother of George and Emella Amedee.
Mrs. Clara Amedee, San Francisco, Cal.

Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend the funeral Wednesday, September 27, 1910, at 9 a. m., from the residence of Julius S. Goddard, 41 Van Ness street, to French church, where services will be held.

BE NEVIDES—In this city, December 2 Jesse Bernard, dearly beloved husband of May Benovides, devoted father of A Munkie, Julia, May, Anna and John Benovides, a native of St. Michael

aged 83 years and 10 days. A member of the Council No. 13, U. P. E. O.
Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Wednesday, December 27, at 9 a. m., from his residence, 328 Chester street, thence to St. Joseph's church, where a requiem will be said.

will be celebrated for the repose of
commencing at 9:30. Interment, St.
cemetery.

CORDWAY—In Oakland, December 22
Arthur J. Cordway, beloved son of
Cordway and Julia A. Grabill, ste
I. A. Grabill and brother of Clarence

Friends are respectfully invited to the funeral Wednesday, December 2, at 2 o'clock p. m., from his late residence, 441 Thirty-eighth street. Incineration at the Crematorium.

HOWARD—In this city, Benjamin F. Howard, loving father of Mrs. J. Hamilton T. Charles F. True, Mr. Thomas P. Howard, Mrs. Henry Atkins, Mr. Howard and Mrs. Ernest W. Atkins, of Leeds, England, aged 81 years, and 8 days.

Agnes Clara, beloved daughter of S. and Elizabeth Samuels and loving Harry R., Christina F., Mildred E., M., Ida May, John B. and Samuel neils, Jr., a native of San Francisco, years, 3 months and 27 days.

Invited to attend the funeral Wednesday, December 27, 1910, at 2 p. m., from the home of the Good Shepherd, 9th and Bristol streets, West Berkeley. Interment, Sunset View cemetery.

TIETZ—In this city, December 24, Jacob, father of Olga Tietz and brother of

Thet and Mrs. Anna Johnson, late a of Selby Lodge, No. 192, K. of P.; Tribe, No. 68, I. O. R. M.; a native sla, aged 45 years and 6 months.

Friends are respectfully invited to the funeral services Wednesday, Decem at 1 o'clock, at the parlors of Alber

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Bredson, Christian—70 Minihan, Gerar

Crane, Frances E.
Carolyn, James—57
Campen, Johanna F. M.
—36
Cole, Charles S.—17
Darling, John—59
Dee, Richard—15

Gohl, George—33	Reilly, Rose
Heffernan, Walter—18	Reilly, Val D.
Hill, Oswald—10	Riemer, Rudolf
Hanley, Patrick—77	Rose, Mrs. Iss
Hughes, Frances	Rotosky, Hymn
Howard, Andrew E—55	Ryan, James T
Jackson, Mina P.	Skala, Matt.

Johnson, Christina—81 Tierney, Wm. P.
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NATHAN STRAUS WILL HEAD JEWS

Noted Philanthropist Will Be
Chairman of Big
Congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—After a heated meeting here last night of the executive committee of 148 for an American-Jewish Congress, Nathan Straus of this city was elected permanent chairman as a compromise candidate. Washington was chosen as the place for holding the forthcoming Jewish congress. The date probably will be not later than May 1 next.

At the meeting, the first of the executive committee thus far held, two factions representing opposite views as to the purpose of the forthcoming Congress, called for a vote on their strength. The nominating committee recommended Adolph Kraus, grand master of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, to be permanent chairman.

TEACHER COMING HERE.
VALLEJO, Dec. 26.—Miss Jean Hood of this city has been notified of her appointment to a position in the Oakland school corps. Miss Hood has taught in the elementary department of the public schools for several years past.

Athletic Thieves Steal Furniture Loot Valued at \$1000 Is Taken

Thieves carried away the contents of a house at 252 San Pablo avenue last night, the loot being valued at \$1000, according to the report made to the police today.

In addition to this exemplification of a strong-arm robbery, persons unknown to the police succeeded in carrying away 3000 feet of lumber from Twenty-eighth street and Park boulevard avenue.

A. A. Russell, 74 Broome street, San Francisco, reported that five rolls of wire netting were stolen from a house at 321 Santa Clara avenue.

"Billie" Allen Struck Down by Automobile

RICHMOND, Dec. 26.—In a blinding rain storm last night, "Billie" Allen, a sixty-year-old resident of El Cerrito, was struck by an automobile at the county line. A leg and several ribs were broken. The man who struck Allen was put out of commission by the accident. It was owned by B. H. Hill, a grocer at Stege Junction.

MYSTERY OF THE DESERT IN PLAY

"Garden of Allah" Is Scenic
Masterpiece With Remark-
able Story.

By Harry L. Sully.

Something of the mystery of the ancient continent of Africa, its wild beauty and sinister madness, has been woven into the texture of Robert H. Rogers' "Garden of Allah." In the dramatization of the novel which came to the Macdonough last night, the play presents itself as a spectacle breathing the desert atmosphere, and the exotic scene of a garden in the Sahara.

The opening scene, the spirit of the desert, has a simple effectiveness that attunes the audience with the purposes of the play in the first instance. The stretch of desert dunes, the strange procession of camels and asses across the waste, the Arab performing his salutation in the face of the great red sun arising from the edge of the desert—these pictures will be the first to impress upon the audience the atmosphere and illusion of the Sahara.

The spectacle is continued through scenes after scenes—the wild dance in the desert in Beni-Mora, the garden at night, the desert night scene and the sand storm, which left its touch of realism in and-dusted costumes in the first five acts of the spectacle. Presently, however, the scenic attempt to reproduce the star-studded sky was the desert night.

NOTE OF DISILLUSIONMENT.
The human being peopling this series of desert dramas at first struck a note of disillusion across the spirit of the play. Miss Sarah Reed, charming actress and charming woman, is too true to the long domesticated European type. But neither she nor the Robert Rogers character she portrayed is possessed of wildness or any heritage from the Gypsy nation of old. The illusion of the desert to create a character which has departed, existing in a certain pose, from the happy phrase of the Wharton speaking of the woman whose vocation is matrimony, she is "as comfortable as an old shoe."

It is William Jeffrey with lines given to him that are rarely banal, who brings the human wildness to the drama. Jeffrey is the damped and haunted Trappist monk, who has broken his vows, broken faith with God, and who is seeking in the desert that will-o'-the-wisp, liberty.

Jeffrey makes that part his own. His words come with that illusion of realism which seems to make them his own, and not those written by some author and learned by rote.

ABNORMAL CHARACTER.
But more than all he has evoked an atmosphere of raw passion, wild and under leash, straining to find expression. His whole body and spirit, his starting gestures, his eyes, his voice, straining to break through the tissue of flesh to tell its story of almost abnormal character, seem to say across the footlights:

Here am I, a strong animal man who devoted himself to God in silence and prayer and labor in a monastery for nineteen long years, free at last, and hungering to know man and woman meeting God, thirsting for human companionship, but for humans with wild fire in their blood, such as I feel. For I have forsaken God for man.

He is like a smoking and flaming torch among wax candles of symmetrical form and a clean habit of flames when he comes among the other people in the cast. Here are possibilities which Aristotle Franco might have realized, possibilities with at once a melodramatic and an ironic significance. Hitchens has realized the atmosphere and the melodrama. But he failed to grasp the full meaning of this trapped revolt, and the ending of the play is weak and unconvincing. It could not have been also in confronting this wild monk, hungering for life, with a common, or garden, variety of woman, destined to domesticity. Gould is all that it should be, cast in a warm tone of chivalry and "gentlemanliness," despite the desert. Althea, Edward Everett, Edouard Courty and Saleem Ayoub are all worthy of mention for their clever acting. And the kneeling camel in the desert should not be forgotten.

War Problems Will Be Chamber Topic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—War-time problems will be among those considered at the United States Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting here, beginning January 21. It is expected that the attendance will be the largest in the history of the organization.

The railroad situation, national defense, daylight saving and other important questions will be discussed at the meeting. Results of a referendum now being taken by the Chamber among its affiliated organizations on the railroad problem, particularly the prevention of strikes and lockouts, also will be announced.

Government to Face Heavy Tax Deficit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Various different plans suggested for meeting the deficit, it is admitted the government will face at the end of the next fiscal year, are being considered by President Wilson and his cabinet, and it was said that the president might decide to address Congress on the subject as soon as he made up his mind as to how the revenues should be raised. Members of the House ways and means committee have discussed the problem with Secretary McAdoo and other administration officials. The committee will take it up formally after the holidays.

New Gold Gravel Is Found at Lewiston

HAYWARD, Dec. 26.—A bank of gold-bearing gravel which has yielded \$1,747 in fine gold and nuggets, has been discovered at Lewiston on the Trinity river and adjacent to the Trinity Horse Shoe Mining Company's plant. The Trinity Horse Shoe Company is composed almost entirely of Hayward stockholders.

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Dialogue.

Slang is getting to be a great drawing card in the drama. If any aspiring young playwright wishes to get the ear of the managers, let him speedily acquire a racy slang vocabulary and throw it with some show of fitness either into a playlet or a play, and his market is made. Part of the typical Americanism of "Twin Beds" which comes to the Macdonough Theater on Sunday for week's engagement, and much of its comedy appeal is based upon the irreverent delight of the average American in ready fluent, graphic slang. Salisbury Field and Margaret Mayo, authors of "Twin Beds," know their public well. Their experience in writing comedies have given them a facility in writing dialogue for the comedy scenes that are alive with the quick, incisive, cut-and-thrust humor with which the average American, who habitually converses in a language teeming with slang, meets his foe as well as his friend. For humor is so much a part of the mental equipment of the ordinary American that he is prone to use humorous slang in his grimmest moments. Signora Monti, so excellently played by Antoinette Rochie, in "Twin Beds," is just as amusing when she "calls" her tenor-husband as when she sympathizes with frivolous Blanche Hawkins. For Mr. Field and Miss Mayo only employ slang that has a point to it, whether of wit or humor. Signora Monti's lines are a liberal education in the slang of the moment.

'JERRY' IS SUCCESS FOR MISS BRISSAC

Famous Play Is the Offering at
Bishop; Cast Scores
Big Hit.

Success, decided and emphatic, is the result of the Bishop Players' comedy this week in Billie Burke's play of the past week in Springfield, Mass. "Jerry" assumed the name lead and showed her audience that she was not only a successful actress, but also a successful comedienne. Playing opposite her in a congenial role was J. Anthony Smyke, who turned his good-sized part into a sparkling success.

Class Brissac assumed the part of a Chicago young woman who visits in the land of American history—Philadelphia. Her adventures there, with pleasing complications and lines of the leading, delightful order brought forth audible applause—comment from the auditors at the Phoenix theatre.

Supporting the leads were members of the Bishop Players who have scored all season and who continue their successes in the Monday performance. The outlook for crowded houses appears bright, according to box office men, and two weeks instead of one may be necessary to supply the demand of Oakland patrons.

Admiral Dewey, 79, Is Still On Active List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Admiral George Dewey, victor over the Spanish fleet at the battle of Manila Bay, who so long as he lives will be on the active list as ranking officer of the American navy, celebrated his 79th birthday today.

The admiral is still hale and hearty. His favorite exercise is horseback riding, which he indulges in almost every day. Admiral Dewey is 60 years of age when on May 1, 1896, he commanded the victorious Asiatic squadron in Manila Bay. He then held the rank of commodore, but was promoted to admiral and then admiral by Congress immediately upon receipt of word of the victory.

Ordinarily the admiral would have been retired in 1899, but by special act of Congress he was made "Admiral of the Navy" for life.

Four Business Blocks Destroyed by Blaze

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 26.—Four business blocks, situated at Forest River, thirty miles north of here last night, causing a loss of approximately \$30,000. Burned on a thirty-mile gale the fire threatened for a time to destroy the greater portion of the town.

The flames swept the southern two-thirds of a block before being checked. Late last night they were said to be under control. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Veteran Railroad Employee Stricken

While carrying on his duties as a collector of tickets at Oakland pier this morning, Frank P. Kane, one of the Southern Pacific's old employees, dropped to the floor, suffering from a heart attack. Following first aid work by fellow-workers, Kane was removed to Providence hospital, where his condition is regarded as serious. For twenty-five years he has been employed by the railroad company and is one of the familiar figures at the pier. His address is given as 634 Sixty-second street.

Bomb Is Planted in Utah Governor's Home

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 26.—Governor William Spry and members of his family were miraculously saved from death or serious injury when a neighbor sweeping the snow from the walks between the houses accidentally overthrown an infernal machine resting against the corner of the Spry home. The police are investigating today. Threats have been made against the

Governor in connection with the execution of Joseph H. H. H. A warning was received by the Governor from Chicago about two weeks ago that an attempt would be made on his life during the holidays.

The infernal machine was made of concrete, in which was found two bottles of nitroglycerine to the top of which were attached fuses. To the fuses were attached small copper wire, which were being slowly eaten away by acid. The machine probably would have exploded tonight and contained enough deadly chemicals to have destroyed the houses of half the block.

Injured Marines Are Brought From South

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—With 465 marines of the Hawaiian expeditionary force aboard, including twenty-nine officers and privates wounded or ill, the United States transport Hancock reached here from San Domingo and Haiti. Among the injured, although not seriously hurt, was Major J. A. Hughes, U. S. M. C., who was hit by a sniper's bullet. The Hancock will return to Haiti within a week.

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